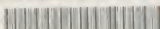


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It's a Whole New Ballgame



DURING THE ANNUAL Powder Puff game, senior Laura Shurr escapes the grasps of juniors Nancy Brooks, Dawn Deman and Amy Ersamer. When the girls take the playing field and the guys pose as cheerleaders, IT'S A WHOLE NEW BALLGAME.

Season Opener

Because civilization from the ancient Greeks to modern day has always placed an emphasis on competition, its attention often focuses on athletes and their endeavors. We are enthralled by the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.

Although no one is quite sure whether life imitates sport or sport imitates life, it is certain that life is a game. Like any game, it must be played without instant reply to aid in making close calls, so it is not to be taken lightly.

If one is going to play this game with considerable success, practice was essential so that one does not get stuck on trivialities. Naturally, the best practice is that which stresses the fundamentals and then provides actual playing time against tough competitors. For brushing up on the basics, there is spring training, and preseason exhibitions offer rookies a taste of the big time. Thus, the real world is the regular season, and school was the preseason warm-up.

In high school, everything we

learned in previous years is reinforced while we learn to play new positions, compete with our peers and discover our strengths and weaknesses. This process was invaluable preparation for the future.

Because high school was a game whose results count in the final stand-

ings, it behooved us to learn the rules. Those rules may have changed slightly since kindergarten, but we usually knew what to expect in the next stage of the game.

Using that knowledge, we prepared for the

next year in a 12-year home stand. However, somewhere on the way to the ballpark, things started to change. The game time was moved up, the opponent got a number of new players, an extra inning was added to a regulation game and prices were raised at the concession stand. In short, for everyone in the stadium, IT'S A WHOLE NEW BALLGAME.

— Gina Fattore



DR. DAVID BESS, VHS principal, assists main office secretary Sue Peloso in alphabetizing students' pictures from the Homecoming Dance. Replacing Garth Johnson, 1985-86 was his first year as top VHS administrator.

MARK MARCINKOWSKI AND Chad Fortune take a rest from the action during the IHSA Class 5A championship game between Valparaiso and Warren Central. Fortune's record 58-yard touchdown reception was the only high point in a 41-7 Viking defeat.





SENIOR ALEX BRICKLEY eyes his choices for dessert at the school cafeteria where the cost of a plate lunch rose from \$1 to \$4.15, making nickels and dimes precious commodities.



SENIOR TODD WAGENBLAST helps the boys' cross country team win Regionals. Nov. 9, his 16th place finish along with the efforts of Brett Polizzotto (3rd), Jim Arnold (23rd), Loren Huck (25th) and David Ziegert (55th) allowed the Vikes to capture their second state title in three years.

WHILE STUDENTS RUSH frantically to and from classes, these horses lead a more leisurely existence enjoying a sunny December afternoon a mere 100 yards from the parking lot.



TO VHS STUDENTS like senior Jessica Jones, the inside view of the high school's many hallways, lockers and classrooms was the most familiar part of Valpo. After three years, most students felt a little too at home within the halls of VHS.



Season Opener

When looking at our hometown, it was sometimes hard to remain objective because our observations were colored by memories of past experiences either joyous or disastrous. As we grew older, our perceptions of Valpo changed, often more rapidly than Valpo itself changed.

Thus, each of us saw the Valparaiso we wanted to see and had come to expect. Looking at the new post office, the 49 by-pass and the ever-sprawling County Seat, Valpo was a growing town. Stress was always placed on the new.

Yet from downtown, the view leaned more toward the traditional. A small, quiet university town adorned with lots of trees and old houses, Valparaiso was the epitome of quaintness.

However, some signs showed that the storybook college town and the energetic hub were conflicting. The county fairgrounds where we all attended the carnivals and circuses of childhood were recycled after being passed by for the new Expo Center and fairgrounds in Morgan Township where the fair was held in 1985.

Of course, if one was interested in nostalgia, certain areas of Valpo could

bring back the days when this area was all rural farms. The land of farmhouses, cows and tractors was never far away with horses grazing practically in the VHS parking lot.

Which brings us to Valparaiso High School. As students, our perceptions of neighboring communities were often

based on their schools. Not surprisingly, we usually saw our school as the center of Valpo and the center of our little universe.

However, as first graders, we probably all thought the same thing about the ele-

mentary school we haven't been inside for years. Chances are, if we went back, we wouldn't recognize the place. Valpo has changed a lot over the years and will continue to change, but we have changed too. The Valparaiso we remember from childhood no longer existed because we were no longer children. IT'S A WHOLE NEW BALL-GAME.

— Gina Fattore



SEEN FROM THE corner of Lincolnway and Washington, The Porter County Courthouse and its much-talked about butterfly fountain added in 1977, show Valparaiso to be a quaint small town with an eye on style.

WHILE PARENTS AND the rest of Valparaiso were familiar with this view of the high school, students, who were usually on the inside looking out, had a different perspective on their school.

Shortstops

Living the life of a Valparaiso High School student was not always a matter of putting in the required hours in class. While academic studies taught us self-discipline and prepared us for the future, having to fill up 33 Friday nights also provided a challenge for students. "Where are we going this weekend?" was often heard in the hallways, sometimes as early as Monday afternoon. Popular answers were home football or basketball games, soc-hops, dances, April Antics or the fall musical. Throughout the year, these social events became short stops from the pressures of getting an education.

Even though the pressure might have been intense, weekends had the ability to make it seem immaterial. By getting involved in school-sponsored activities, heading for another movie with a group of friends, playing their own version of the dating game or staying home to watch *Miami Vice*, students took arms against a sea of boredom.

When we emerged victorious from that battle, life seemed like a well-timed double play. We got more than we bargained for. Of course, life was sometimes like a fly ball lost in the sun. Unforeseen circumstances brought disappointment when things did not turn out the way we planned. Regardless, we kept on planning, devoted our time to the search for the best pizza in town, came out in the rain or snow to cheer on our team, poured an endless stream of dollars into the movie industry and searched for excuses to go into Chicago for concerts or shopping.

For every obligatory weekend spent writing a term paper, studying for tests, or working, there were new experiences enticing even the most studious of students to put aside his books and indulge in some short stops. When the bell rang on Friday afternoons, everyone agreed, IT'S A WHOLE NEW BALLGAME.

— Gina Fattore

SENIOR JOE BALDWIN and junior Chris Brickley spend another sedate, low-excitement afternoon doing homework in the bookstore 7th period.

WHEN VALPARAISO MET Fort Wayne Snider in the Class 5A semi-state game, fans lost control cheering for their team who went on to state after beating Snider 20-7.





F Monday/Friday Syndrome FROM BLAAHS TO AAHS

It's a difference as great as that between an "A" and an "F," between summer and winter, or between Lincolnway and State Street.

The simple fact is, when you compare Mondays and Fridays, there is almost no comparison.

Fridays have one thing going for them that Mondays never will — a weekend. 3:00 pm on Friday signals the beginning of a 57-hour mini-holiday; students take on that all-work-and-no-play-makes-Jack-a-dull-boy attitude.

"I feel a lot better on Fridays because I know the weekend is ahead," said sophomore Pete Prassas.

Rest and recovery from the past week of outrageously late nights and early mornings is another important factor in the Friday/weekend popularity.

"I love Fridays because I know I get to sleep in the next morning," said senior Jenny Hardabeck.

Even teachers agreed with students on this issue. "I don't do too much during the weekend," said Sid Reggie, who teaches American Foreign Policy. "It's my time to recharge."

When the weekend is over, however, teachers as well as students must face the grim reality of Mon-

day mornings and another week at school.

"The problem with Mondays is that you've got a whole week of work ahead. It takes a while to get back into it. I'm usually pretty out of it until Wednesday," said junior Greg Knight.

Sophomore Pete Speckhard agreed. "On Mondays I'm always tired because I stayed up late during the weekend."

Many students have their own philosophies about why this incredibly onesided favoritism exists.

"I look at it this way: on Monday I have four days ahead of me just to get another two days off. On Friday I know tomorrow is Saturday, and I have two days off to sleep in and watch T.V.," said senior Jeff Higbie.

"Friday is so much better because you're looking ahead. You can envision the weekend, but on Monday it's all part of the past," said senior Andrew Ross.

It has been said that all good things come to an end. However, the good thing about Fridays is that while they may end with the stroke of midnight, they will always come again.

— Karen Mutka

EXPRESSIONS ON THE FACES of seniors Traci Krynski, Julie Hanson, sophomore Matt Krynski, and senior Rick Chrustowski show the lack of enthusiasm for the homework awaiting them. A new state law required teachers to assign more homework.

JUNIORS ANN NEAL, Prudence Searles, Sue Evanoff, Martha Maiers and Amy Mueller brought umbrellas for protection during the October football game against Gary Roosevelt. Despite the poor weather, the girls stayed the entire game.





SOPHOMORES KIM GOTT, Erin Forker and Cathy Brown kick back as the weekend celebrations begin at a Friday night sock-hop.

SENIORS MIKE NEIS and Greg Walls have trouble concentrating on their work on a Monday morning. Both boys served as office aides during third period.

SOPHOMORE GIRLS WAIT after school for transportation to the public library where they planned to work on class projects together.



V Leetz Crowned Queen

VIKES DEFEAT PIRATES



CROWNING THE 1985 Homecoming Queen Missy Leetz is new principal David Bess. Leetz was chosen from a court of five senior candidates.

Almost all monarchs attain their positions by inheritance because the crown is passed down through the ruling family. Only at VHS is royalty chosen through a democratic vote.

One senior girl, chosen by the student body from a court of five, then served as the 1985 Homecoming Queen.

Building up to the climatic crowning at the Merrillville football game, students enjoyed spirit week with activities such as green and white day and the powderpuff football game. Powderpuff was won by the Senior class by a score of 12-0.

At halftime of Valpo's DAC struggle, Assistant Principal Bob Sutton crowned princess Kathy Briggs while Principal David Bess had the honor of crowning Missy Leetz, Valpo's 1985 Homecoming Queen. Ad-

ministrators crowning the winners was a new tradition started this year by new Pep Club sponsor Mary Rybak. "I thought it added a little more class to have the principal and assistant principal do the crowning," explained Rybak.

Rounding out the senior court were Jenny Broadhurst, Natalie Cavanaugh, and Lindsey Powell.

After the halftime festivities, the Viking football team managed to defeat Merrillville with an impressive defensive stand at their own goal.

To further enjoy the week of Homecoming, Pep Club sponsored a dance on Saturday. Students were invited to climb aboard the "Love Boat" to share an evening with Captain Bess.

Pep Club president Cassie Tucker worked closely with Rybak to get

the ship afloat. "It took a lot of time and effort but the end result was worth all the time we put in," said Tucker.

"I wasn't concerned with whether we made any money or not, I just wanted it to be really nice," said Rybak.

To honor the Homecoming candidates, there was a special dance for the queen and her court. The music was supplied by B & B music and the turnout was above average compared to other dances.

Although VHS's 1985 Homecoming festivities followed traditions set in previous years, all traditions were not adhered to. Usually a queen reigns until death or otherwise incapable, but at VHS another year allows for another queen.

— Stephanie Wood

1985 HOMECOMING COURT and Escorts: Alex Brickley, Jenny Broadhurst, Steve Remijan, Queen Missy Leetz, Vic Baron, Princess Kathy Briggs, David Ziegert, Natalie Cavanaugh, Lindsey Powell and Todd Wagenblast.





SENIOR QUARTERBACK STEVE LETNICH discusses game strategy with offensive coordinator Terry Cox during Valpo's 17-13 Homecoming victory over Merrillville.



JUNIORS MEGHAN MARTIN and Mark Jones contribute to the halftime show performed by the VHS marching band.



ENJOYING THE SOUND of B & B music on the "Love Boat" are Princess Kathy Briggs and Mark Marcinkowski.



TIME OUT

Wet your whistle, dance up a storm

VHS has several hot spots, or places where students congregate at a given time. Among these hot spots are the commons area, the cafeteria, and the school library.

However, on Friday nights, the biggest hot spots in the school are the two water fountains by the north balcony. Because on Friday nights, students push their school books aside to grab their dancing shoes and sweat up a storm at post game soc hops.

"Soc hops are a blast, but unless you have shorts on, you're camped out at the water fountains every other dance," said senior Melissa Eddy.

Also, the main function of a water fountain, besides the obvious, is to provide a haven for students wishing to escape the dance floor during slow songs or other unpopular tunes.

"During a slow song or during an unfamiliar song, when I don't want to be in an uncomfortable situation, I go out by the water fountains. That's where everyone goes," said Senior Deanne Spejewski.

Even though rock and roll and water fountains may not seem to have a direct connection, one thing really does lead to the other.

— Karen Mutka

HOT AND SWEATY from several rounds on the dance floor, students take time out for a drink of water. Throughout each post-game sockhop, throngs of students typically visited this conveniently located water fountain.

JUNIORS NANCY BROOKS, Jin Jin Charon, and Karen Carichoff flag down motorists passing the junior class car wash. The trio split their time at the car wash between washing cars and attracting business to the fundraiser.



It's Making Cents

What can you do with a spare bull horn?

Group together about 20 or 30 high school students (preferably juniors), buy some Turtle Wax Zip Wax, and have a car wash.

It's a fool-proof plan for a successful fund-raiser.

About 30 junior class members put this plan into action during the early hours of September 14, 1985. Why would all these kids give up precious hours of sleep, as well as risk a possible case of dishpan hands, just to wash a few cars?

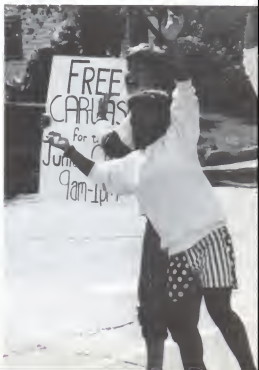
Well, first of all, it wasn't just a few cars. It was more like "about 75 cars," according to junior class treasurer Andy Griffin.

Secondly, it was fun. "We're all having a good time," said junior class president Larry Wright,

"We're lucky because the weather is nice; it's a great day for this car wash."

Student enthusiasm also contributed to the success of the car wash. In high spirits, students like Jeff Osterhout, dressed as a Chinaman, back-flipped and break-danced up and down Campbell Street to attract attention. Needless to say, their efforts were successful. Osterhout and others performing equally attention-grabbing stunts managed to reel in car after car. Meanwhile, the junior class reeled in the bucks — a grant total of \$250.00, all of which went toward purchasing prom decorations, according to junior class co-sponsors Rhonda Yelton and Mara Fiegle-Hicks.

— Karen Mutka





Everyone You Meet Is Gabbing In His Seat

Gossip columnist Rona Barrett could make a fortune if she came to the VHS football stadium on Friday nights.

But only if she brought her little notebook and pen and sat in the students' section of the bleachers.

In other words, if you want to know anything about anyone, Friday night football games are the place to be.

"Half the kids sit and talk about what they're going to do after the game — the basic gabbing, but not many people actually watch the football team," said junior Larry Wright.

Junior Carolyn Miller agreed. "People do whatever they think is fun — which usually doesn't include watching the game!"

Others have a different opinion. "I do watch the game," said senior Laura Geiss, "but I also like to talk. Football games are great because they give us a chance to relax and enjoy the beginning of the weekend."

Remarkable as it may seem, throughout this great social event known as a "football game" there is actually a football game taking place. Isn't that what the fans are paying for? Yes and no.

"Most people talk, joke around, and flirt, unless they have a boyfriend in the game. Then they try to watch it!" said junior Melanie Kolczak.

Occasionally you encounter the rowdier bunches in the stands. "Some people throw kids down the bleachers," said sophomore Cathy Brown.

Equally noticeable as the rowdies, but not quite so physical, a few students are always on hand to be "generally obnoxious," as junior Mark Mather put it.

While Rona Barrett may not make the kind of bucks she used to earn tattling on the big guns in Hollywood, VHS football games could provide a possible setting for her.

— Karen Mutka

10 HOTTEST VACATION SPOTS
Florida
California
Colorado
Hawaii
Texas
Mexico
Europe
Arizona
Michigan
New York

BIGGEST FADS OF 1986
Stirrup pants
Short hair
Baggy clothes
Oversized sweaters
Paisleys
Swatch watches
Lace
Windsurfing
Plastic Bracelets
Jean Jackets



Money For Nothing . . . Music On TV

A highly contagious epidemic has hit Valparaiso, as well as the rest of the United States. Symptoms include uncontrollable fits of humming and toe tapping and a tendency for the eyes to cross while listening to the radio. Doctors are working furiously for a cure to this dreaded disease — MTfeVer.

While this situation may be fictional, the possibility

of its occurrence is not completely out of the question.

Since 1981, people in approximately 26.6 billion American homes have been demanding, "I want my MTV!" Undoubtedly almost all of them spend some part of each day camped out in front of the television to watch the latest rock videos on this 24-hour cable channel.

The success of MTV has

proven that just as peanut butter and jelly go hand in hand, so do music and television.

"I think MTV has been a hit because teenagers like music and television, and when you put the two together, you've got something they're going to really love!" said sophomore Carissa Casbon.

— Karen Mutka

DESPITE THE BAD weather, seniors Lindsey Powell and Leah Campan watch the action at a football game between VHS and Gary Roosevelt. VHS won the game 36-12.

MTV IS A cable network that presents music news and rock videos 24 hours a day. Five part-time VJs serve as commentators for the channel — Alan Hunter, Martha Quinn, Mark Goodman, Nina Blackwood and J.J. Jackson.



TIME OUT



All That Snaz

In the classic movie "The Wizard of Oz," Judy Garland repeatedly insists, "There's no place like home."

However, many VHS students disagree with her.

"My locker is kind of a mess and kind of plain, but I love it. It's my home away from home," said senior Rod Standiford.

"Your locker is an extension of your home," agreed junior Jason Freitag.

If this is the case, then VHS has about 1,000 homes away from homes, all "sold" on the first day of school.

Each locker, once little more than a large metal

box, changed to reflect the personality and interests of its owners as the year progressed.

"I like our locker because of how we decorate it. We have lots of pictures up and a big basket filled with candy," said junior Nancy Brooks.

"The most exciting thing in my locker is a Calvin Klein underwear ad," said sophomore Kim Sovich.

Others find that an overactive imagination can present problems between locker partners.

"I have mixed feelings about our locker — it's interesting, though. I like it,

but I think all the little notes taped up all over the place are a bit too much," said sophomore Christa Eichberger.

"I've got lots of books everywhere. There's no room for anything else in my locker," said sophomore Marc Hamacher.

Even though Judy Garland thinks that there's no place like home, many of the more creative students of VHS strive to achieve that atmosphere in their lockers.

— Karen Mutka

On Being Vikings

SOPHOMORE PAUL VENTURA takes time to read signs and posters hanging in the locker of junior Melissa Hutton. Hutton installed an extra shelf in her locker by suspending a milk crate from string attached to hooks in the locker.

BEFORE OR AFTER school practice it is not uncommon to see athletes doing homework in a quiet corner. Time must be budgeted. Students often had to take any spare time they could find to study.

viking (vī'king), n. 1. any of the Scandinavian pirates who plundered the northern and western coasts of Europe from the 8th to 10th centuries. 2. a sea-roving bandit, pirate.

What does it mean to be a Viking?

"The word Viking makes me think of being short and fat with a beard and little horns!" said junior Mary Bielich.

"A Viking is a warrior-like figure with a beard who will do everything in his power to get things done,"

said senior Kevin McBride.

Has VHS, in fact, made a foolish decision by choosing a stereotypically short, fat man as a symbolic representative of the school in its athletic endeavors?

No. While the Vikings terrorized the people of various European countries for more than 300 years, they weren't such a bad bunch of guys.

Some of the best ship builders of their time, the vikings spent a lot of time exploring the seas, particularly the North Atlantic Ocean. Moreover, many historians credit them with

being the true discoverers of America.

The word "viking" also has an interesting history. To go "a-viking," meaning to go fighting as a pirate or warrior and was a common Scandinavian expression in the 800s.

Hence, this misunderstood group of "savages" was actually as ferocious as the more flamboyant warriors — the Pirates, Indians and Trojans, and who represent our rival schools today.

— Karen Mutka



Good Idea

"I have a picture pinned to my wall — an image of you and of me and we're laughing."

Music lovers will recognize these words as the opening line of the Thompson Twins' hit song, "Hold Me Now." In the tune, lead singer Tom Bailey addresses a girlfriend about problems the two are encountering in their faltering romance.

In the same song, Bailey also says to her "You know that there's no where that I'd rather be than with you here today."

While students may enjoy the company of a boyfriend or girlfriend, even the closest couple can get bored in the same old Friday night routine.

"On a date you can go to County Seat, Wright's Barnyard or Southlake mall. That's about it!" said one senior.

Others are more imaginative about places to take a date.

"I think the perfect date would be to go on a hide-away weekend on a deserted island and then parade around Paris," said junior Vicki Chester. While this may be a little unrealistic, as well as incredibly expen-

sive for the average American teenager, it does sound like a good time.

For students with less spending money, there are other options.

"I think the perfect date would be to go to Chicago and spend the day downtown, and then go to the beach in the evening and watch the sun set," said junior Dan Newlin.

In the same city, but with a different idea, sophomore Jeni Bonjean said, "I'd like to spend the evening walking along Lakeshore Drive."

Expressing the most radically different idea of all, junior Burt Largura said, "I'd take her (a girlfriend) dove or deer hunting."

Other favorite dates, a little closer to home, included picnicking in a park, watching the stars, spending the evening at the beach and dancing to a good album.

While Tom Bailey and the Thompson Twins may only mourn the sorrows of a love life that is "tattered and torn," VHS students are constantly searching for ways to break the monotony of Friday night routines.

— Karen Mutka

JUNIORS TRISH SMITH and Todd Hancock enjoy a moment together at a Friday night sock hop. Foreign Exchange Club sponsored the dance.

STUDENTS GATHER IN the halls to talk before their next class. Conversations had to be brief since the passing periods only lasted five minutes.

TOP 10 IN ROCK 'N' ROLL

1. Led Zeppelin
2. Bruce Springsteen and U2
3. Van Halen
4. Phil Collins
5. Tears for Fears
6. Huey Lewis and the News and Bryan Adams
7. The Cure and Prince
8. David Bowie and Chicago
9. Dire Straits
10. Howard Jones, Talking Heads and Eagles

VHS Takes Five

Almost every driver has been caught in a traffic jam at one time or another. Anyone can spot an experienced driver in the midst of confusion by the way he reacts to given situations.

In much the same way, students can be classified as upper or lower classmen during the first week of school by simple observation on the part of an innocent bystander. However, in some ways even sophomores and seniors are universal in behavior.

The "big five" (not to be confused with the high five) is a term referring to

the five-minute passing period between each class. There is something special about these five minutes — this is when you find the few similarities among VHS students.

"It's a free-for-all. Total chaos," said junior Melissa Hutton. However chaotic it may be, there are six things you can always be sure of seeing. During the five minute rush, students:

Borrow books, papers, pens, pencils, combs, make-up, clothes

Imitate, teachers, parents,

friends, enemies, animals

Gossip about anything and everything

Irritate teachers, custodians, any authority

Vanish into lockers, hallways, bathrooms, classrooms

Eat candy cookies, crackers, Twinkies, gum, Tootsie Rolls

— Karen Mutka



THE ENTIRE CAST turns out to welcome their new band instruments while the orchestra plays "Wells Fargo Wagon."

EULALIE MACECKNIE SHINN, Amy McCasland, the mayor's wife, leads the Fourth of July festivities. Olin Britt joins in the singing.

THREE MEMBERS OF the school board barbershop quartet, Oliver Hix, Olin Britt and Ewart Dunlop, (Tim Wright, Brian Gill, Andrew Roberts,) start one of their numbers.

WINTHROP PAROO, KARL BERNER, Thomas Jefferson Elementary School fourth grader, thrills his mother, Mrs. Paroo, Michelle Crownover, and Marcellus Washburn, Jeff Carmichael, by overcoming his lisp to sing "Wells Fargo Wagon."



S All In A Play's Work SHOWTIME

It was P.T. Barnum who first said, "There's a sucker born every minute," but Professor Harold Hill would undoubtedly agree with him. While Barnum proceeded to make his fortune in the circus business, Hill was in the band business and probably would have ended up as rich as Barnum if he hadn't brought his ideas for a boy's band to River City, Iowa (As the song goes, "We got trouble, right here in River City") where he met his nemesis, the snooty town librarian, Marion Paroo ("He left River City the library building, but he left all the books to her").

For anyone not familiar with that scenery, that set the stage for the 1985 fall musical, Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man," which tells the story of Professor Hill's ill-fated visit to River City and his blossoming courtship of Marion. It seems that while Hill claims to be a graduate of the Gary Conservatory (Class of '05), he cannot read a single note of

music and instead relies on his revolutionary "think system" to convince River City's citizens of his legitimacy.

Presented November 15, 16, 17 to an approximate total of 1800 people, the play involved 18 major characters and 38 voices for the musical numbers. Auditions were held in mid-September for elementary, junior high and high school students. Two months of after-school rehearsals followed for the ones who were chosen.

According to cast member Pete Yelkovic, "Having the younger cast members added a whole new dimension to the play. They were enthusiastic and willing to bend."

Professor Hill, however, refused to give up his scam even when his friend Marcellus warned him of the odds. It took the love of a librarian to convince him to stay put in River City.

— Gina Fattore



CHARLIE COWELL, Pete Yelkovic, anvil salesman, warns River City's citizens about the scoundrel Harold Hill.



AT THE MADISON Library, Professor Hill and four River City kids, Joe Martz, Eric Evans, Mindy Heinhold and Amy Tanner, follow the advice of Marion, the librarian, and catch up on their reading.

PROFESSOR HILL, Jim Dalfonso, manages to lure Marion, Lisa Bucher, to the footbridge where they sing "Till Then Was You."

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER Jacey Squires, Jon Young, leads River City townspeople in "Iowa Stubborn".

JIM DALFONSO and MICHELLE Crownover read lines in rehearsal while Karl Berner enjoys an interesting vantage point.





SENIOR RENE FURLIN jokes with junior **Justin Gericke** as he decides what he wants to order. Furlin worked at Wendy's 12-15 hours a week.



After school **George Douglas** works a cash register at **Sievers**. Douglas usually worked four-hour shifts three or four days a week.



VISIONS — '85 VHS grad **Mike Moore** and juniors **Paul Gold** and **Mike Hartig** (senior **Rick Allen** not pictured) — perform their remake of **Sam the Sham and the Pharoah's** song "Wooly Bully." The band played at an after-school sock hop at the **American Legion**.

JUST IMAGINE...

Fun After School

Every high school student in America should read volume 20 of the World Book Encyclopedia.

More specifically, they should read the article about recreation in the United States. It's good for a laugh.

According to the authors, John Edwin Coffman and Teresa A. Sullivan, "Most Americans have a great deal of leisure time . . ."

Hmmm.

Maybe Americans in the upper age brackets have a lot of "leisure time," but here in the 18s-and-under, free time during the working week is scarce.

"It's terrible. After I get out of school, go to work and do homework, I'm left with no time," said senior George Douglas.

He's not the only one.

"I work three days a week, go to club meetings after school and do lots of homework. Once in a while — rarely — I get some sleep," said senior Julie Bodensteiner.

But wouldn't it be nice if students did have a few spare minutes somewhere between 2:30 p.m. and 7:40

a.m. the next day? At least we can dream . . .

Wouldn't it be nice if we could catch a 2:40 flight to California, spend a few hours soaking up the sun and fly back just in time for first hour the next day, complete with a fabulous tan?

"I'd like to hop on a supersonic jet and go to Australia, just as long as I'm home by 1 o'clock to get some sleep for Brian the next day," said senior Brian Gill.

Wouldn't it be even nicer if we could drive into Chicago every night of the week to go to rock concerts?

"I'd love to go to some good rock concerts, but I'd go off and on," said sophomore Wendy Berner. "I don't know if I could handle a concert every night of the week. I'd love to see Bruce Springsteen."

And wouldn't it be great to come home from school and hear your parents say that it'd be just fine with them if you invited 50 or 60 people over for a party, as long as they're all out by 6:30 a.m. the next day?

"If I had a party like that I'd go all out — tons of food, pizza at two in the morning," said senior Michaelle Grabowski.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the whole school could take a Caribbean cruise after school, free of charge? Maybe the administration would have so much fun that they'd cancel school for the next day, and we'd make it a two-day affair.

"A cruise would definitely be a great idea. We'd go to the Mediterranean — Club Med type stuff. We could hit the Greek Islands. We could take a party to the Parthenon and knock down what's left of it," said sophomore Heather Fierst.

In reality, a student's social life after school is almost nonexistent. It's no secret that after the after-school club meetings, athletic practices and part-time jobs, students do roughly three things: eat, study and sleep. But we can dream.

Wouldn't it be nice?

— Karen Mutka



SOPHOMORES MEGHAN MARTIN and Kathy Sovich spend a couple hours after school making up a missed chemistry lab. The girls were separating sand and salt in order to determine the weight of each.



WHILE WAITING TO play in the next intramural basketball game, sophomore teammates Jason Mack, Tony Letnich, Kevin Hughes, and Marc Leetz clown around. The foursome spent an hour and a half giving play-by-play reports of action during the first game.

SCHOOLBOOKS CAN BE multi-purpose. Senior Marybeth Reavis uses her homework as a step ladder to reach the top shelf of her locker.

F Egypt Crowns A King FORGET PHAROAHs

Cleopatra might have done it a little differently.

She might have used more authentic decorations and real camels. She probably would have held a dance called "A Night on the Nile" in the middle of a huge desert with plenty of palm trees, or maybe right next to the river itself in an enormous tent.

When V-Teens began planning the annual King of Hearts dance, they knew their "Night on the Nile" would have a few restrictions. For starters, there would be no sand, no tents, no exotic foods. It was strictly a paper decorations/cookies and punch affair.

But when you get right down to it, a dance is a dance, whether it's confined to a stuffy high school gym or held on a sun-baked African desert. The setting — VHS's north balcony — was not ideal, but the decorations were.

"We wanted it to be fairly realistic so we referred to a book of Egyptian mythology to get ideas for decorating," said V-Teens sponsor Liz Hall.

The end result: it wasn't Cairo, but it wasn't bad. A bridge over alligator-infested waters led students toward pyramids, palm trees, waterfalls, and an Egyptian sunset surrounding the dance floor. Pharaohs and hieroglyphics were also part of the setting when senior Mike Neis was crowned King of Hearts.

It was very spread-out. Students could dance to music provided by B & B, sit at tables off to the side, or move to the cafeteria to get away from the commotion.

Being the outgoing woman she was, Cleopatra would have loved

this dance. It was a time for the women's-libbers, not the faint-hearted. The dance was Sadie Hawkins style, or girl ask guy.

Most of the guys didn't seem to mind being in the passenger seat for a change.

"When I go to a dance, we stay at my house with a TV dinner. When the girl pays, we go to the best restaurant. It doesn't bug me at all," explained senior Russ Barone. "If I can think of a disadvantage to this type of dance it would be breaking hearts. The worst thing is seeing all these rejected females walking the halls with long faces."

"Long faces" may have been common before the dance, but they were even more noticeable after the dance. Girls emptied their pocketbooks for dinner as well as the tickets.

"It's a good chance for girls to experience the financial burdens of dating," said senior Greg Chester. "Any guy will go to a dance if he doesn't have to pay for it."

Guys didn't mind being paid for. But surprisingly, the girls didn't mind doing the paying. Dance tickets totaling 182 were sold. At \$6 a couple, V-Teens pulled in \$1092, \$500 of which was donated to the Porter County Heart Association.

"It doesn't bother me. Guys pay for everything else, so it's a break for them," said senior Kate McNeill.

Sophomore Tonya Gray agreed, "I think it's good. It should be this way some of the time. It's not right for the guy to always have to pay."

While some girls were worrying about coming up with cash to foot the bill, others just worried about going to the dance.

"I was a wimp. I like it better the other way, when the guy does the asking," said sophomore Jamie Clark. "I'm willing to spend the money, but I'm just too scared to ask anyone."

V-Teens had a problem or two also while preparing for the dance. For a long time, the date of the dance was a big question mark.

"We tossed around several dates, but it's next to impossible to get a day when there's nothing going on here," said Hall.

The date was finally settled for February 8, the day of a music contest for band members and also the day of sectionals for girls on the basketball team. Both groups made it to the dance, however. The girls in the band came with their dates just like everyone else. But the girls basketball team stormed the balcony around 10 o'clock with a trophy and pieces of the net after winning sectionals. They danced a few rounds and then left to do more celebrating.

"We had fun, but I would've liked to have been at that dance," said senior basketball player Rochelle Meyers. "This is the third year in a row that girls' sectionals and the King of Hearts dance have been on the same night."

Unlike V-Teens, Cleopatra wouldn't have had problems planning this type of party. Her wish was her servant's command. That's what it's like when you're queen of the Nile.

— Karen Mutka



SOPHOMORES MISSY BALDWIN and Corey Fortune take a minute to look for their pyramid. Each couple attending the dance had a pyramid with their names on it on the wall.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SENIOR Michael Williams and senior Debbie McDannel take a break from the dancing.





STUDENTS DANCE TO an old favorite, "Shout!" by Otis Day and the Nights.



COUPLES DREW CLOSE to dance to "Separate Lives," a ballad sung by Phil Collins and Marilyn Martin.

DUE TO THE resignation of two candidates, the 1986 King of Hearts court was small. Students voted on the king and prince by the ballot system rather than money donations.

WHILE THE MOVIE "Purple Rain" was released in 1984, "Let's Go Crazy," a song from the soundtrack, was still a popular song with junior Susan Roberts and sophomore Cyndi Wells.



AS THE DAY draws to a close, seniors Elise Daxe, Sam Harper, Traci Krynski and Joe Kovalick watch from the pier as acrobats perform in a sunset festival. The foursome traveled to Key West for spring break in a renovated school bus driven by Daxe's uncle.

SENIORS SAM HARPER and Joe Kovalick discuss last minute plans before they go snorkeling. The two were looking for alligators in Key Largo, Florida.



WHILE VISITING FRIENDS in California, senior Angie Shook spent a day in Anaheim at Disneyland.



STUDENTS WHO TRAVELED together usually shared a hotel room to save on vacation expenses.



B The Heat Is On BREAKING OUT

At 2:30 pm on Friday, March 21, 1986, every VHS student and teacher breathed a tremendous sigh of relief.

Then they sprinted out the school doors, exhausted, saying, "It's about time."

Some took the school bus home. Many hopped a plane to Florida.

A few scattered off to miscellaneous places like Louisville, Kentucky, San Francisco, California and St. Croix in the Virgin Islands.

And so began Spring Break, 10 days of uninterrupted "spare time."

For VHS's working class kid, the week of spring break meant 40 hours of burger-flipping, box-lugging, and bag-stuffing.

"I worked at Fayva forever," said junior Jennifer Wojcik.

For the spring sport athlete, it was an endless string of pre-season practices.

"Monday I had track practice. Tuesday I had track. I had track everyday — sometimes twice a day," sighed junior Bob Morrison.

And for everyone else, it was a week for just bumming around, whether the bumming was done in Valparaiso, Florida or Valparaiso, Indiana.

"I had fun," said senior Manmeet Patheja. "I bummed around town a lot. I did things with people I don't usually have time to do stuff with."

Spring break meant different things to different people. However, sunshine seemed to play an important part in the success of everyone's vacation.

"I spent my time in the sun. I was always outdoors," said junior Tonia McLinn.

On Saturday, March 29, the weather forecast for Tampa, Florida, was: Partly cloudy, Rain, High 77, Low 55. On the same day in Valparaiso, Indiana, the forecast read: Like summer. High 80, Low 55. And in New Orleans, it was just H-O-T.

"I went to New Orleans to the French Quarter and Bourbon Street," said sophomore Bob Shilander. "All week it was 85-90°, blue skies, no clouds, no rain."

It was the same story in Florida.

"I went to Key West," said junior Kevin Maxey. "During the day we went to the beach and soaked up the sun. In the evenings we went to the pier for the nightly sundown festivals. There were acrobats, jugglers, mimes, and every kind of street performer you could think of."

Key West wasn't the only exciting city on the map.

"Valpo is nice, but Fort Lauderdale has two things Valpo doesn't. One is different people," said junior Josh Wolfe. "The other is rowdy parties. If their parties were measured on the Richter scale, we would've sunk the state of California."

In addition to good weather, people were also a key ingredient in fun vacations.

"The hardest thing about vacation is leaving," said junior Maureen Petro. "Everyone is really friendly. You get so close to people. It's hard

knowing you'll never see them again."

Senior Jeff Williamson agreed that "the people made it more fun."

"I went to Daytona Beach. It was incredible," said Williamson. "There was so much to do — so many people."

While the majority of the population at VHS stayed in the Western Hemisphere for vacation, a few did manage to break out to the eastern world.

"I went on a 10-day tour of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland with 50 other high school students," said senior Amy Parry. "We were like one big family. There were so many hilarious things that happened. It would take forever to tell them all."

"It was great," agreed senior Brian Black. "We toured four castles, crossed the Rhine, and went to several German cafes. I'm definitely going back sometime."

The only complaint students voiced about spring break was that it passed too quickly. At 7:35 am on Tuesday, April 1, students and teachers sighed just as they did on March 21, when vacation began. But this time the sigh was for different reasons — early mornings, late nights and another nine weeks of school.

The funny thing is that they all came back on April Fool's Day.

— Karen Mutka

JUNIORS TRISH SMITH and ALANE ABBOTT admire a Porsche displayed at Marienplatz, a pedestrian shopping mall in Munich.



SENIOR JIM JOHNSTON smiles as he leaves school to begin spring break. Johnston hitched a ride home with senior Harry Keaton.



VHS STUDENTS TAKE a break from shopping in Munich to eat at a local restaurant. Although they were far from home, they still managed to find something American — Pepsi.



Backstage it is dark. Dan Pritchett clears his throat. He and four other V.H.S. teachers grab coffee cups and piles of papers and position themselves onstage. The curtain rises. The applause is thunderous.

ACT I: The pressure is on. After a brief conversation in which they bemoan their duties as teachers, the five adults convincingly sing "I Need a Vacation".

As the action onstage progresses, senior Julie Bodensteiner and juniors Carolyn Miller and Jill Bodensteiner are backstage pacing the floor, fighting the jitters while waiting for their moment in the spotlight.

Senior Kelly Bednar hums a few notes as he applies brown make up to his face, neck and arms in preparation for his big number, "Farmer Tan."

The teachers finish their song. Applause, applause, applause. Students in the audience whisper things like "That's my algebra teacher up there!" and "I've got her for typing."

As she walks offstage, Alice Gambel, director of the annual

April Antics variety show, breathes a sigh of relief. The show has begun smoothly.

"I was scared to death during the teachers' skit. I'm a better director than I am a performer," said Gambel. "But I wasn't really worried about the show. Everyone in it was talented."

Act I passes, culminating in an all-theater sing-a-long to "Octopus's Garden." Members of the production crew dance wildly in flippers that a scuba diver would wear.

"This year's show was one that you could bring your whole family to," said senior Jim Dalfonso. "It wasn't as 'ha-ha' funny as last year's show, but I think people liked it just as much."

INTERMISSION: The audience wanders around the auditorium for "exercise." Cast members talk and joke among themselves.

"I enjoy getting onstage and making a fool of myself," said senior Brian Gill. "And I'd say I acted like a grand fool in the last skit."

"At first I was a little worried about singing onstage," said

senior Andy Roberts. "But then I thought, 'I'm supposed to be a jerk anyway, so if I can't sing, it's no big deal.'"

While some people talk, others prepare for the next act. Sophomore Heather Fierst dresses in a hot pink and yellow Caribbean-style dress and a bright red hat decorated with fruit.

ACT II: Members of the band "First Offense" grab their guitars and take the stage in an improvised night club, "Club Tropicana."

"This show was a lot of fun said junior lead-singer Bob Ducat. "We enjoyed the practices as much as we enjoyed the performances."

CURTAIN CALL: After a few more songs, the show is over. The pressure is off and the smiles are on. The production crew and cast take their bows, and as the audience files out, a young girl softly sings, "I'd like to be under the sea, in an octopus's garden in the shade . . ."

— Karen Mutka



LIVING A LIFE of luxury, senior Brian Gill and sophomore Jeff Carmichael accept champagne from their butler, junior Pete Yelkovac. Gill and Carmichael spent their time on the beach swapping stories about their childhoods in England.

AFTER A FIGHT with their girlfriends, junior Bob Ducat and seniors Kelly Bednar, Jon Young and Jim Dalfonso clutch rubber duckies for moral support.



BINOCULARS HELP SENIOR Andy Roberts observe the action on the beach. Roberts later left the stage to get a closer look.

STUDENTS AREN'T THE only ones who dream about summer vacation. Five V.H.S. teachers told the audience at April Antics "I Need A Vacation."

SENIOR ANDY ROBERTS and junior Jill Bodensteiner prove that sunglasses can look good with formal as they dance to music by Visions.



DETERMINED TO WIN A PRIZE. Tammy Houston tosses a ball toward the basket as junior class parent Joyce McMurtrey watches. Post Prom, Carousel '86 was held at the Valparaiso University Student Union.



JUNIOR NICK KOPKO concentrates on his next shot while sophomore Carole Worden and senior Charlie VanSenus wait for their turns. Bowling, ping pong, and video games were also available to students in the V.U. Union Arcade.

T *Make It Magical* TONIGHT

Since the release of her hit "Money Changes Everything," Cindy Lauper has been accused of kicking a dent into American values.

It's an understandable attitude. In a society where prices increase almost daily and spending entire paychecks on a single outfit is in style, money plays a key role.

But does money really change everything?

Was money the reason why the 1986 prom was moved from the high school gym to the Porter County Expo Center?

No. It was there because, according to junior class sponsor Rhonda Yelton, "A lot of kids said, 'No matter how you decorate it, the gym is still the gym.' So we decided to try something new."

"Something new" turned out to be exactly what students wanted.

"It was the dance of the year," said senior Tim Collins.

"The whole thing was a total blast — no parents and lots of fun things to do," said sophomore Wendy Berner.

Besides the absence of parents for a weekend, students enjoyed prom for another reason. Visions, a VHS band composed of junior Mike Hartig, senior Rick Allen, junior Paul Gold, and graduate Bill Day Jr., provided the music.

"It was cool because we knew the band members," said senior Natalie Cavanaugh. "They're a great band."

In early March, the band began practicing songs suggested to them by the student body, to insure that students would like what they heard at prom.

"We had people request songs months before prom, and we did some of what we wanted to play, too," said junior Paul Gold.

"The night before prom we practiced until one in the morning," said Gold. "We were all very tired the next morning, but we were at the Expo early, set up, ran a sound check, and left. It took us about four hours."

Despite the hours of preparation, Visions enjoyed prom as much as everyone else.

"I still find it hard to believe that someone paid us for something that was so fun," said Gold. "The money was just an extra bonus."

Money didn't change anything. But it did influence three things about prom: where students ate (The White House or McDonald's drive thru?), what students did the day after prom (Great America or the beach?), and what picture package they ordered at prom.

Really now, what student cared if he got eight wallet size photos or 16?

— Karen Mutka

JUNIOR MELISSA HUTTON and Washington Township junior Todd Kado relax together on the dance floor at post prom. Music was provided by the band Abacus.



WHILE THE BAND takes a break, so do junior Jason Freitag and senior Marybeth Reavis.

JUNIORS KAREN CARICHOFF, Brian Benedict, Kristin Mooney, and Jeff Adney enjoy prom.

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Class Of '86 Celebrates

GOING IN STYLE

"... This is it. Guys in green, girls in white. Everyone in alphabetical order, please. When we give the signal, stand up. OK, sit down. And remember, when he calls your name, walk slowly, like this ..."

After 12 years of school, these 399 kids know one thing — how to act during a convocation. They know when to nod, when to smile and when to react.

During this final convocation, commencement, their reaction was planned, but also spontaneous. Their excitement — their joy — was evident when Lori Zweig, number 399 by the alphabet, received her diploma. The unrestrained reaction of the graduates reflected the tension that built up to the ceremony. "Finally," explained senior Jennie Girton, "I've been waiting for a long

time."

Yeeaaaaah! "This is great," said Bill Hickman, "I feel like I can get away with anything."

Confetti, fireworks and yes, toilet paper flew everywhere.

"It's total exhilaration," said Pat Kim, "Words can't describe it. It's a feeling no sophomore or junior can ever understand."

Chris Reichert agreed, "It's great to be out. I feel like I'm finally allowed to live a real life. And man, I'm going to celebrate."

Yeah, after 12 years of school, these kids know how to act at a convocation ...

When to throw confetti. And most of all, when to break out the sunglasses and toilet paper.

— Karen Mutka

VHS PRINCIPAL DR. David Bess and senior class president Marco Alcantara distribute diplomas.



MINNIE ANG, VALEDICTORIAN of the class of 1986, addresses the crowd at graduation. Ang finished the year with a 4.3421 GPA and planned to attend the University of Chicago.

WITH ONLY 10 minutes left before the graduation ceremony begins, Anne Frey helps foreign exchange student Rico Garzotto fix his cap. In July, Garzotto returned to Switzerland to study, and he planned to enter the Swiss army.





SENIOR CLASS VICE president Mike Neis and treasurer Russ Barone clown around after Neis led the turning of the tassels. Between the two boys is class salutatorian Susie Johnson.



SALLY JASNIC AND Myra Macapagal celebrate together. Both girls continued their celebration at the senior party at the VU student union.

ANGELA BOWDEN ACCEPTS her diploma from principal Dr. David Bess. Bowden planned to enter the Marines after graduation.

Extra Innings

Eight hours and six minutes represents the longest professional baseball game. On May 9, 1984, after 16 innings above and beyond a normal day's work, the Chicago White Sox defeated the Milwaukee Brewers 7-6. In the world of sports, that's known as overtime. For the players, it's tiring; for the fans, it means more excitement for their entertainment dollar, and for everyone involved, it makes a victory more hard-fought and definitely worth savoring. While overtime contests were somewhat rare in professional sports, they were an everyday occurrence at Valparaiso High School.

At VHS, working overtime sometimes meant make-up tests or late night study sessions, but usually it meant extracurricular involvement. By choosing to join any of the more than 20 VHS organizations which met after school, students indicated their desire to go beyond a normal, nine-inning, 7:40 to 2:30 school day.

For those who got involved, there were an infinite number of meetings, committee, bake sales, rehearsals, matches, deadlines, fund raisers and rides home on the late bus. For those in the school and community, such as VHS athletes or the Porter County Heart Association, who benefited from the efforts of VHS clubs, overtime meant getting more than they bargained for. Everyone agreed the results of these outside efforts were hard-fought and worth savoring because they represented a voluntary commitment.

When we got to the bottom of the ninth, nothing forced us to go through extra innings. Although we had worked hard for an entire game, we realized that after 2:30, the slate was wiped clean. Once we got into Extra Innings, we were forced to admit, "IT'S A WHOLE NEW BALLGAME."

Gina Fattore

SENIOR BOWL MEMBERS Mark Kleehammer, Gina Fattore and Laura Geiss exhibit the stamina and concentration which led the team in their mental beating of Chesterton. Larry Dembinski and Scott Newsom provide vital fan support.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE CLUB treasurer Drew Schenck enjoys dinner with the foreign students at the foreign feast in January. Klaus Dahn, Jakob Olsen and Rico Garzotto came to VHS from Germany, Denmark and Switzerland through Youth for Understanding.





Students Control The School GOVERNMENT

Ambassadors are the liaisons between countries, solving problems, bringing countries together, and giving suggestions. Serving the same purpose, student government members are the liaisons between the students and the administration.

Student Council met to solve problems which existed within the student body and also between students and the faculty. Student Council also made sure that they planned activities according to the interests of the student body.

According to Student Council member Kevin McBride, "We had meetings to try to interrelate our community, student and faculty commit-

tees."

The activities that were sponsored by the Student Council were the Annual Christmas Dance, Winter Carnival, and the soc-hops.

To become a representative, students must have a petition signed by 25 classmates. Elections took place each spring, except for the sophomore class who voted the following fall.

As Student Council tries to solve problems that exist between students and the faculty, Student Faculty Senate works to improve communication between the staff and the students. The Senate also provided needed financial aid to any VHS organization.

According to Senate member Andy Ross, "Faculty members and students compose the Senate, and each student represents an organization, in addition to the Student Council president and vice-president." Faculty members are chosen through self-nomination and by the Student Council.

Although members of the VHS student government don't try to bring countries together like ambassadors do, they do try to bring together to VHS students and the administration.

— Deanne Spejewski



STUDENT FACULTY SENATE — Front Row: Gina Fattore, Bob Sutton, Mark Kleehammer, Laura Geiss, Sandy Marshall, Marilyn Burton, Pete Yelkovic, Andy Roberts. Second Row: Phil Eskilson, Larry Dembinski, Veronica Vas, Lori Bell, Martin Miller, Diane Moryl, John Pinkerton. Back Row: Jenny Girtton, Alex Brickley, Michelle Douglas, Todd Bennethum.



STUDENT COUNCIL — Front Row: Mark Hardwick, Myra Macapagal, Natalie Cavanaugh, Alex Brickley. Second Row: Minnie Ang, Melissa Evans, Carol Casto, Gina Fattore, Julie Bodensteiner, Susanne Largura, Joanna Law, Rani Sier, Kim Sovich, Erin Forker, Trish Smith, Martha Evans. Third Row: Jennifer Stout, Kathy Sovich, Andrea Ku, Caty Bernardi. Fourth Row: Laurie Bell, Lora Maers, Carolyn Miller, Tammy Mahoney, Larry Wright, Jodi Frailey, Julie Bowen, Stacie Stonebreaker, Mary Bielich, Martha Maers, Missy Kleist, Stacey Jangel. Fifth Row: Will Gray, Ken Taylor, Lisa Etzler, Todd Hancock, Ted Peters, Cory Pingatore, Mychel Macapagal. Back Row: Frank Wilson, Carrie Buck, Val Pizutti, Lindsey Powell, Laura Shurr, Steve Remijan, Pat Rooney, Kevin McBride.





JUNIOR TIM MCDONALD and seniors Megan Boetel, Greg Walls, Natalie Cavanaugh, and Rick Chrustowski rest during the all night Student Council-Sadd Lock-In.

SOPHOMORES MISSY BALDWIN and Erin Forker wrap presents to use as part of the decorations for the Christmas dance.



STUDENTS AND FACULTY members meet every other Monday to discuss ways in which to improve the communication between the faculty and students.

VHS STUDENTS LOOK for their hearts with their names on them as part of a Student Council activity for Valentine's Day.

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBER Trisha Landstrom helps paint the wall decorations for the Christmas dance.

PHILANTHROPY

Case of the Missing Link
8:00 p.m.
Jan. 23, 1986
Conference Room 101

Who am I? Agent 70, perhaps the greatest detective ever to crack a case at Valparaiso High school.

It all began when I was sitting casually smoking a cigar and a mysterious woman entered my office.

She introduced herself as Pat Higbie, coordinator of the VHS club handbook.

"Why would a coordinator of a club handbook come to see Agent 70, one of the best known detectives in the state of Indiana?" I asked myself.

She began her case as soon as she sat down. "I've been searching for the missing link to a paragraph I have to write about three VHS clubs: V-Teens, YARC and SADD," stated Higbie. She then added, "I have to find the one thing that these three clubs have in common, and I thought you could help me find the missing link."

I, of course, wouldn't pass up the opportunity to crack a mystery, so I took the case.

Obviously, this case wouldn't be as challenging as my murder case last week.

I decided to take one club at a time, so I started with V-Teens. I went to B112, the room where all the meetings were held.

It was an average high school room with books, desks, cabinets and black boards.

I looked through the desks and cabinets looking for any information about the club's activities. Then, I spotted it. The V-Teens plan book. I carefully flipped through the pages. I soon came across a couple of recent entries.

It seems that in November V-Teens gave Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in the community, and in December, V-Teens members went Christmas caroling to the County Home.

Typical stuff here, not much to go on.

As I read the last page, I discovered there was a dance V-Teens regularly scheduled in which a king is crowned. I also discovered the proceeds go to the Porter County Heart Fund.

Still not much to go on, but there were no more entries. I had to move on.

My next destination was C221, the room of the sponsor of YARC, Youth Association for Retarded Citizens.

While I was searching through the cabinets, I found a few pictures of a party. On the back of the pictures were YARC members and their names and their retarded citizens' (clients) names.

After looking through notes

of previous meetings, I realized that YARC plans all its activities with their clients. A few activities were going to football games and dances. This was a very special club.

My final investigation was in the room of Mark Hoffman, SADD sponsor.

As I walked toward Hoffman's desk, I heard the door knob click and someone entered the room. I turned to see Hoffman standing in the doorway. I told him I was interested in becoming a member of SADD, Students Against Drunk Driving.

Good thinking on my part, but I had to act fast.

Hoffman explained that the only commitment required was to promise not to drink and drive, and that this club helps teach members ways to keep everybody that has been drinking off the roads.

On my way back to the office I thought about my discoveries.

V-Teens helped the needy, YARC worked with the retarded clients and SADD helped keep drunk drivers from hurting themselves and others.

"That's it, the missing link," I said. V-Teens, YARC and SADD had one thing in common. They served their community.

Case Closed.

- Deanne Spejewski

JUNIOR TIM TAN and seniors Titus Tan, Gina Fattore, Andy Ross and Mark Kleehammer paint a Nile scene as part of the decorations for the King of Hearts Dance.





V-TEENS — Front Row: Vicki Farnum, Charlene Kuel, Amy Hoftizer, Coleen Mitchell, Alane Abbott, Elizabeth Versteeg, Ellen McQuillan, Alyson Miller, Susan Freese. Second Row: Denise Robinson, Christy Kelly, Loretta Kenney, Marybeth Reavis, Laurie Ailes, Larry Dembinski, Mark Kleehammer, Gina Fattore, Jaipal Patheja, Andy Ross, Laura Geiss, Ann Tolin, Mychel Macapagal. Back Row: Kevin McBride, Deanne Spejewski, Chris Bondi, Titus Tan, Corey Pingatore, Tim Tan, Kris Albers, Katie Douglas, Susanne Largura, Jewel Carlos.



YARC — Front Row: Veronica Vas, Danne Benjamin, Tammy Hamrick, Stephanie Snider. Second Row: Heidi Harris, Amy Hoftizer, Cindy Standford, Angie Ramirez, Denise Robinson, Carolyn Miller. Back Row: Debbie Benjamin, Ann Tolin, Theresa Stevens, Dawn Collins, Tammy Goodwin, Mark Veselica, Mike Daggett.



SADD — Front Row: Erin Bland, Sara Mutka, Jennifer Curtis, Jody Dusek, Leanne Thomas, Kate McNeil, Sandy Nelson, Lindsey Powell, Cassie Tucker, Emily Sachs, Shelley Wilgus, Amy Sanford. Second Row: Mark Hoffman, Karen Carichoff, Caty Bernardi, Jodi Frailey, April Newkirk, Bonnie Shoffner, Larry Dembinski, Andy Ross, Mark Kleehammer, Karen Mutka, Julie Duberry, Lisa Eple. Third Row: Andrea Dennis, Mychel Macapagal, Missy Kleis, Cory Pingatore, Alane Abbott, Sharon Alexander, Wendell Brink, Jeff Higbie, William Brown, Dusty Hamicker. Back Row: Lora Maiers, Susan Hersemann, Ann Boguslawski, Theresa Williams, Shannon Alexander, Charlie Vansenus, Craig Hewlett.

SPONSOR MARK HOFFMAN AND Mrs. Hoffman tend to the open bar serving non-alcoholic mixed drinks, as Juniors Jody Susdorf, Shelley McMurtrey and Senior Kate McNeil talk during the SADD Happy Hour at the Lock-In.

SENIOR ERIC CONLEY works on a project during drafting class.



SENIOR MIKE HUTTINGER works on his electronic robot in class.

SENIOR CHRISTINE SPENCER works in the office lab doing secretarial work as part of OEA.



CANDY CANE SALES were a large success this year. Junior DECA members Melinda Yates, Kelly Gant and Marlene Elkins spend their lunch period taking orders.



Class Plus Club Adds Up To EXPERIENCE

While DECA, VICA and OEA have many obvious differences, they all have one common goal: teaching important career skills to be used after high school. All three of these clubs go hand in hand with a class and some involve part time jobs.

Distributive Education Clubs of America, DECA, goes hand in hand with a class called Marketing Education. There are approximately 40 members in the club which is sponsored by Judy Commers. DECA also gives seniors a chance to work at a local business which is related to their field of interest and get six credits as well as being paid. DECA participates in many civic, social and fund raising activities such as soc-hops, candy cane sales, rock-a-thons for the cancer society, and fashion shows. According

to Commers, "Distributive education is like a cake, but DECA is the icing — it's the fun part."

Office Education Association, OEA, is another co-curricular class sponsored by Cindy Stalbaum. The 20 members of OEA learn many office skills such as conducting meetings, taking minutes, presentations in front of an audience, reports, meeting deadlines and working well with others. "Club members have fun projects such as pizza parties, Christmas caroling, secret santas, and there is also an awards program," said Stalbaum.

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, VICA, is a conglomerate of approximately eight vocational classes with a club devoted to each. Industrial Cooperative Training, Architecture/Drafting, Electronics

Food Services and Machine Trades are examples of these classes. Many of these programs include part-time jobs where the student can get on-the-job training. A special competition, or skill olympics is held so that students can compete for recognition in their field of study.

All three of these clubs competed in regional and some in national competitions, and were very successful. Yet despite their important services, "These programs are struggling for enrollment because of an increase in academic credits necessary for graduation," said Zane Cole, sponsor of ICT.

DECA, VICA and OEA taught students at VHS important skills and enjoyed many fun projects this year as well.

— Sandy Eichelberger



OEA members: Front Row — Alicia Skolak, Kathy Monach, Tammy Johnson, Lori White and Shiela Howe. Back Row — Ron Arendt, Amber Barrier, Rae Perez, Susie Heinz, Janie Pyle, Christine Mueller, Leah Campan, Christine Spencer, Mary Weinke and Cindy Stalbaum.



Senior DECA members: Front Row — Laura Brown, Lori Daniel, Michelle Douglas, and Brenda Krause. Second Row — Sieve Biel, Susie Yates, Pam Edwards, Becky Ross, Aimee Antonmaria, Bonnie Nicholas, Susan Mohler and Tammy Ippolito. Back Row — Alan Naggartz, Scott Stowers, Scott Finley and Tom Huber.

S NHS Goes Beyond SUCCESS

Service, character, leadership and scholarship: the four qualities an NHS member must have. Although members must stand out in all four areas, many students think the club is based on scholarship alone. True, a 3.5 GPA is needed before a student can be considered for membership, but that 3.5 doesn't assure acceptance into the club.

Members of the club have accomplished numerous goals outside of the academic world. For instance, Todd Wagenblast was a member of the cross country team which won state in 1986 and Drew Schenck helped his 400 free relay team win the state swimming title. These two were not alone in the success-

fulness athletically.

Leadership, another required quality, was also exhibited by the club's members. Many senior members lead underclassmen in their respective clubs, organizations and athletic teams. Another example of a leader was Mark Hardwick, student council president.

Members fulfilled the service requirements by participating in clubs such as DECA and YARC. Some members also took part in youth groups or did volunteer charity work.

Character was shown in all members simply by maintaining their GPAs while striving in leadership and service.

— Laura Shurr



National Honor Society. Front Row — Stephanie Wood, Diana Maniak, Julie Fritz, Tammy Mahoney, Jody Susdorf, Mariha Maiera, Jill Bodensteiner, Jill Koetke, Melissa Hutton, Andrea Ku, Karen Herrick, Carolyn Miller. Second Row — Christine Kalina, Charlene Kuehl, Laura Hartwig, Kate McNeil, Beth Given, Elizabeth Versteeg, Jenny Hall, Mary Iatridis, Amy Miller, Natalie Moser, Julie Carrell, Lisa Bucher, Susan Holcomb, Kathy Molitoris. Third row — Colleen Mitchel, Steve Pilz, Joe Martz, Michelle Crownover, Julia Betjemmen, Julie Hanson, Mark Hardwick, Julie Bodensteiner, Sue Frye, Liz Hauser, Kristi Vendel, Cory Pingatore, Sandy Marshall, Susie Johnson. Fourth Row — Pete Yelkovac, Brian Klemz, Rochelle Meyers, Laurie Ailes, Laura Geiss, Mike Barone, Gina Fattore, Kristin Meyer, Dave Ziegert, Becky Truemper, Mimmie Ang, Kate Tanner, Karen Mutka, Jenny Hardebeck. Back Row — Kevin McBride, Titus Tan, Dusty Hamacher, Greg Morton, Drew Schenck, and Jason Freitag.



JUNIOR SHELLEY MCMURTREY delivers flowers during National Honor Society Flower Day.



SANDY MARSHALL, SENIOR, helps serve punch following the National Honor Society inductions.

JEAN HECKMAN AND Judy Lebyrk congratulate senior Julie Hanson on her acceptance to the club.



SENIOR TITUS TAN lights the last of four candles representing the four qualities that NHS members must have.

The Newspaper That Underwent

ALTERATIONS

Newspaper innovations have progressed considerably since the Bedrock days. While Fred and Barney read their morning paper off of a chiseled rock, today people read their papers off processed wood pulp.

Not only has newspaper technology improved over the years, but the Viking Press staff made changes in the format and style of the school newspaper.

The format of the Viking Press was changed from a magazine style to a larger tabloid style.

Senior Alicia Skolak said that she didn't like the new style because, "Since I have to open it like a full-sized newspaper, I get caught reading it in class."

While the staff had problems filling the extra space, the effort was worthwhile.

According to senior Christy Kelly, "The paper is roomier this year and easier to read."

The added space in the paper gave students more variety of stories to read.

According to senior Jeff Brown, "I read the Viking Press cover to cover, even the ads."

Since some students don't have time to read every article, they rely on the headline or the topic to decide what to

read.

Junior Melanie Kolczak stated, "I read the titles, and if they pertain to an activity I've been involved in or am interested in, then I read the whole story."

Deciding what articles to read and how many a student had time to read also relied on what time of day the students received the paper.

"I liked getting the paper first hour because then during the boring day, I would refer to the Viking Press to keep me awake," said senior Andy Ross.

Although getting the Viking Press at the beginning of the day helped students get through those boring study halls and classes, getting it at the end of the day helped students keep track of it.

Senior Jodi Dusek said, "Getting it seventh hour helps me to keep track of it, and reminds me to take it home. If I get it in the morning, by the end of the day it's gone."

Depending on when the paper was distributed, students read it right away, waited until the next day, or never read it at all.

According to junior Paul Gold, "I like reading the paper in the morning, and, if it comes out seventh hour, then I wait until the next morning

and I read it with coffee and donuts."

Sometimes, depending when the paper came out, students never read it at all.

Sophomore Adam Juzman said, "If I get the paper during first hour, I never have time to read it until 7th hour study hall, but usually by then I forgot I had it."

The Viking Press staff worked hard to keep the paper interesting.

According to editor Gina Fattore, one of her problems was "thinking up story ideas that weren't boring."

Not only did the staff work hard on writing interesting stories, but they also had to worry about deadlines.

Reporter Loretta Kenney said, "Sometimes I found myself writing my story on the day of the deadline."

The change in the format of the Viking Press, the change in story ideas and deadlines are just a few things that the Viking Press staff had to encounter.

Editor Marilyn Burton said, "With so many changes, it caused a lot of problems for us to overcome. We did the best we could and I think it was really a successful year."

Deanne Spejewski, Sandy Eichelberger, Kevin McBride



VIKING PRESS STAFF — Front Row: Myra Macapagal, Katie Hofferth, Gina Fattore, Stephanie Wood, Marilyn Burton, Sandy Eichelberger. Back Row: Deanne Spejewski, Karen Mutka, Pete Yelkovic, Loretta Kenney, Christine Mueller, Amy Davis, Chris Seroczynski.



Senior Brian Klemz, Sophomore Jeff Dygert, and Junior John Neichterline take some time out from classroom work to read the Viking Press.



STUDENTS READ THE Viking Press during class. Most teachers let their students read the Viking Press at the beginning or end of class.

VIKING PRESS EDITOR Marilyn Burton (3rd from right) shows Michelle Risk, Pete Yelkovic, Paula Doelling, Pete Speckhard, Mike Szymanski, Jeff Carmichael and E.J. Serrano how to layout a newspaper.

New Programs

Often times when an athletic team reaches a point of success, it tends to stop climbing. Valparaiso High School had been honored and respected in every area of education and extracurricular activity, but refused to stop reaching for that impossible perfection. Trying to offer further benefits to the students, three new clubs were formed: academic decathlon, German club and speech team.

Academic decathlon, in its first state-wide competition, offered students the opportunity to compete on an academic level. "It emphasizes the competitive aspect of academics," explained sponsor Jan Bergeson.

The unique thing about academic decathlon was it was not only for the intellectually elite. There were three categories with grade point averages ranging from A to C.

After the team was chosen, the students spent after school hours researching topics and sharing information in preparation for the actual competition. The competition took place at

three levels, regional, state and national. Along with the enjoyment of learning, scholarship opportunities were also available. "In the regional meet Diana Maniak received a scholarship to Indiana University Northwest," said Bergeson.

German club, formed by seniors Larry Dembinski and Andrew Ross allowed students to gain a deeper understanding of the language and culture of Germany. "Larry and I felt a need for German outside the classroom. We approached Mr. Lew Rhinehart and Mr. Robert Sutton with our idea and German club was the result," explained Ross, the club's president.

Aside from montly meetings designed to give students the opportunity to expand their knowledge of the culture, the club celebrated several of the German holidays. "During the regular meetings we had exchange students from German-speaking countries and VHS students that visited Germany talk to the club and share cultural experiences with us," said

Dembinski.

Attempting to bring more opportunity to VHS students, new principal David Bess introduced the idea of having a speech team. Bess began by asking for the support of the faculty. "At a faculty meeting, Dr. Bess asked if any of us had experience in speech or debate. Mr. Greg Jones and I had, so we tackled the responsibility.

Competition on the speech team was designed to help students prepare for any type of oral work, by developing skills such as poise and the ability to think on one's feet.

"Students mainly worked on their own to learn cuttings from plays and speeches. Members needed the ability to analyze and interpret works of literature," explained Co-sponsor Mary Ehrenberg.

Unlike athletic teams satisfied to reach a certain success plateau, Valparaiso High School continued to grow through the addition of three new programs.

— Stephanie Wood



READING LITERATURE IN preparation for his speech event is Pete Yelkovic. The junior served as the speech team president in the club's first year.

ENJOYING THE SCENIC atmosphere in Germany are German club members Sandy Marshall and Liz Hauser. All German students had the opportunity to go overseas.





TALKING TO STUDENT activities director Bob Sutton, speech team coach Greg Jones finds out the necessary requirements for the team's existence.

SENIOR LARRY DEMBINSKI captures a picturesque view of Heidelberg, Germany. Dembinski and other German club members toured Germany for 10 days over spring break.



ACADEMIC DECATHALON — Front Row: Paul Stratton, Veronica Vas, Bryan Truitt, Pat Kim, Kate McNeill. Back Row: Titus Tan, Diana Maniak, Kristin Highland, Jon Young, Coach Jan Bergeson.



SPEECH TEAM — Front Row: Carissa Casbon, Wendy Berner, Lindy Dorris, Pete Velkovic, Coach Mary Ehrenberg. Back Row: Coach Greg Jones, Andy Roberts, Amy Miller, Brian Gill, Rich Zachiewicz.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Organizations Provide Athletes with

In much the same way that a foundation supports a building or a girder supports a bridge, two Valparaiso High School clubs maintain a high amount of support for student athletes.

While they may go about it in different ways, Pep Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes shared a common goal of encouraging the athletes at VHS to do their best.

Although many Pep Club members may have joined in order to, "get together with friends and boost school spirit," as one member put it, Pep Club was open to anyone.

According to sponsor Mary Rybak, awareness was the key word.

"Our main goal is to get the school involved in what's going on with the athletic teams."

Pep Club engages in other projects including the Homecoming dance, the club's biggest project, sign painting parties, bake sales, soc hops, and giving out treats to team members.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes met twice a month on Sunday evenings.

Meetings opened with prayer and topics of discussion in-

cluding dealing with teammates, coaches, and opponents; anger, jealousy and the general application of Christianity to their lives. Lessons are given by club members.

The lessons are tailored to athletics," said FCA president Stephanie Wood.

"Athletes face many challenges that others may not have to face. Christian guidance helps us to deal with these challenges."

The year such as a chili supper, popcorn festival booth and a basketball marathon. Funds raised were used for service projects including

donating food baskets to the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas and also to send members to national camps in the summer.

Inspiring athletes in the school to try their hardest. Pep Club and FCA are, as Pep Club president Cassie Tucker said, "doing a job that might not get done otherwise."

by Sandy Eichelberger



MEMBERS OF FELLOWSHIP of Christian athletes learn about Christ and His role in their lives during meetings held twice a month.



PEP CLUB DEVOTES its time to making the students, faculty, athletes, and administration more spirited towards VHS athletic teams.



CRIS NOVER AND Lynnea Cole help FCA raise money for the club at a concession stand at the Popcorn Festival.



SENIOR JEFF FISCHER helps Pep Club president Cassie Tucker untangle balloon strings. The balloons were to wish the girls golf team luck.



PEP CLUB MEMBER, sophomore Kim Sovich, displays her school spirit by pitching in at an afterschool sign painting party.

DESPITE THE HOT weather, juniors Jody Susdorf, Tammy Mahoney and Shelley McMurtrey wait patiently for customers at FCA's booth during the Popcorn Festival.

Devotion Sets The Stage For

PRODUCTIONS

Laughter, clapping hands, smiles whistles and cheers of approval were music to the ears of drama club members who worked hard all year preparing for and performing various productions.

Membership in the club can "provide you with the opportunity to do some things that you might not otherwise get the chance to," said Alice Gambel, club sponsor. However, students had to be willing to work. Before being admitted to the club, prospective members went through initiation where they dressed up as babies and sat down on the floor to sing a song to club officers. Those who missed the first initiation dressed in garbage bags.

With the motto being "Nothing works unless you do," being accepted as a member was only the begin-

ning. Students were required to work on this year's fall musical, "The Music Man." The production took nine weeks to put together, involved 150 students including six elementary and six junior high students, and made a profit of over \$1500.

"Clowning Around," a children's clown and mime show was performed before 1,200 kindergarten-second grade students, and two public performances were also given. A mime troop was begun as a result of this performance, and Gambel said she hoped it would continue into the future.

Aside from productions, drama club members had several fun projects such as a Christmas trip to Chicago, a visit to Second City, seeing a play at the Candlelight Dinner Theatre, and a "Surf's Up"

skating party.

The Surf's Up theme was taken from the skating party and applied to April Antics. The annual variety show boasted many entertaining acts.

Thespians, an honorary society for drama, had 10 members at VHS. In order to become a member, points were accumulated from working on a variety of different productions. A letter of recommendation must also be sent with an application to be considered for membership.

Drama club vice president and member of Thespians, Jim Dalfonso said, "Being involved in drama for the past three years, I have learned to express myself in ways that I might not have learned otherwise."

— Sandy Eichelberger



DRAMA CLUB MEMBERS: Seated: Carrisa Casbon, Wendy Berner, Brian Gill, Karla Droegge, Jim Dalfonso, Andrew Roberts, Patty Bird, Pete Yelkovic, Michelle Risk. Second Row: Terri Miller, Kathy Sovich, Susan Henseman, Cindy Laughton, Kim Sovich, Kris Albers, Amy Perry, Sara Andrews, Jim Jankowski, Heather Fierst. Third Row: Chris Czup, Amy Davis, Will Gray, Kelly Bednar, Kathy Henriques, Jenny Hardebeck, Amy Hofstetzer, Debbie Peterson, Joe Mertz, Stephanie Mannel, Denise Robinson. Back Row: Mike Symanski, Julie Elkins, Jeff Carmichael, Mark Condon, Shannon Church, Kellie Bellen, Brian Miller, Tim McDonald, Valarie Bell, Todd Miller, Janean Barber, Jenny Bryant and Bonnie Schoffner.

THESPIAN MEMBERS: Patty Bird, Jim Dalfonso, Valarie Bell, Andrew Roberts, Karla Droegge, Brian Gill, Pete Yelkovic, Amy Davis and Mark Condon.





The cast of "The Music Man" perfects a scene during their dress rehearsal performance.

Adorned in deep-sea flippers, Andrew Roberts, senior, and the entire cast sing about an octopus' garden.



Junior Ann Phillis sits on the floor and sings a song as part of her initiation to Drama Club.

Drama Club President, Andrew Roberts, senior, uses club member Brian Miller, senior to demonstrate the use of a McDonalds bib as part of the initiation.

FRESHMAN ERIK LOTT "warms up" prior to the jazz ensemble rehearsal. The group meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

SOPHOMORE TUBA PLAYER, Will Gray, practices a piece of jazz music. VHS received a superior rating at Perry Meridian Jazz Festival.



SWING CHOIR REHEARSES on stage to prepare for one of many performances the group gives throughout the year.



Perseverance Leads To PEACE

Perfecting a work of art takes time, patience and hard work. Long hours spent in preparation all pay off when it comes time to unveil the final product.

Music is also a form of art. It takes practice and dedication to perfect. The students involved in Jazz Ensemble, Studio Band and Swing Choir worked to perfect and display their musical talents.

Jazz Ensemble consisted of 23 members all met under the direction of Dan Pritchett one evening per week first semester and two nights per week second semester.

"Valparaiso High School's Jazz Ensemble is one of the few competitive jazz bands left that's still extra-curricular," said Pritchett. The ensemble won awards in Bloomington where it was named best trumpet section and at the Perry Meridian Jazz Festival where it received best saxophone section and was named Honor Band. A division I superior rating was given to VHS at ISSMA contest. This year, Jazz Ensemble also played for a dance at the Banta Center for senior citi-

zens, and for the approximately 220 people who attended the dance for band parents in February.

Studio Band, also directed by Pritchett was composed of 28 7th-12th grade students. Studio Band also received a superior rating at ISSMA contest and went with the Jazz Ensemble to Perry Meridian.

Swing choir incorporated singing with choreographed routines. Accompanied by piano, bass, and drums, the 26 members rehearsed after school twice a week. Swing Choir was directed by Bernard Butt. The group gave private as well as public performances. The concession stand at basketball games was operated by the choirs, and on February 20 Swing choir held the Cabaret Dinner.

"Swing Choir is a worthwhile activity for the students. It gives them a time and place to show off their talents," said Butt.

Jazz Ensemble, Studio Band and Swing Choir are all examples that hard work and dedication really do pay off in the end.

— Sandy Eichelberger



JAZZ ENSEMBLE: Front Row: Susan Freese, Carolyn Miller, Chris Reichert, Pete Kickbush, Stan Olling, Mindy Eichhorn. Second Row: Will Gray, John Young, Ted Trost. Third Row: Susie Folke, Melissa Hutton, Mark Stanzak, Craig Anderson, Brendan Grube, Tom Trost, Brian Gill. Back Row: Dan Pritchett, Josh Grube, Dave Miller, David Kelly and Diana Maniak.



STUDIO BAND: Front Row — Chris Porsch, Renee Richeson, Greg Knight. Second Row — Mike Grote, Mike Sorenson, Rani Sier, Tom Silhavy, Jason Telschow. Back Row — Dan Pritchett, Ken Taylor, Steve Kuskni, Gary Nova, Katrina Kickbush and Jack Lyons.



SWING CHOIR: Front Row: Ken Fetal, Lori Homan, Kelly Bednar, Jim Dall'Anso. Second Row: Colleen Mitchell, Kristin Pequet, Liz Cuson, Todd Miller, Steve Aardema, Lori Bruder, Andrew Bray, Tammi Hamrick, Dave Brobich, Nancy Ducat, Karen Frobish, Pat Staresina. Back Row: Jeff Carmichael, Mindy Heinhold, Bob Ducat, Teri Miller, Steve Hurni and Jessica Hoffereth.



NORTH CAROLINA TRAVELERS were: Rick Chrutowski, Katie Wittlinger, Melissa Eddy, Melissa Hutton, Cindy Haughton, Amy Hofstetzer, Pete Yelkovic, Sponsor Nancy Bender, Veronica Vas, Sponsor Vella Anderson, Joe Furlin, Matt Hanner, and Joe Wendt.

AN FEC ACTIVITY was the annual overnight at Pokagon Stage Park. Sophomores Penny Ryan, Kris Alles, Jill Walesh and Cindy Haughton take advantage of the hot tub in the park lodge.



JUNIORS BURT LARGURA and **Brian Benedict** enjoy foods from other lands at the FEC's Foreign Feast. This informal banquet which was held for all FEC members was the club's first activity of the second semester.

C *Promoting Awareness With Clubs* CULTIVATIONS

Picture chaos. Approximately 350 people in one room. Students speaking five different languages. Everyone trying to learn about different cultures. Students from VHS trying to meet foreign exchange students from Germany, Spain, France, Japan, Switzerland and other parts of the world.

A typical VHS Foreign Exchange Club meeting consisted of approximately 350 students in one room trying to meet new people and learn about different cultures and languages. Exchange students and Foreign Exchange Club members who have been overseas spent most of the club meeting talking about their experiences living in another country.

Foreign Feast, International Weekend and International

Banquet gave members a chance to meet foreign exchange students and to indulge in foreign foods. During the International Weekend, some VHS Exchange Club members hosted foreign exchange students from around the area. A soc hop, food, games and movies were some of the activities planned for the exchange students and their hosts.

Since Foreign Exchange Club was the largest club at VHS, many trips and activities were planned that drew a lot of attention. Exchange students went Christmas shopping in Chicago, spent a weekend at Pokagon State Park, and went to see a ballet. Sundae day, a day in which Foreign Exchange members brought their own sundaes toppings and made sundaes, was

also a big success. A trip to According to sponsor Wes Maiers, the foreign exchange students are easy to get along with. Junior Jewel Carlos added, "I like the foreign exchange students, because they are really friendly and outgoing."

Domestic Exchange Club was similar to Foreign Exchange Club but on a smaller scale. Thirteen Rockingham County High School students from North Carolina visited Valparaiso and learned about VHS. In turn, 13 VHS students went to North Carolina to visit Rockingham County High School.

Domestic Exchange Club's purpose was to expose students to a different school system and community.

— Deanne Spejewski



FOREIGN EXCHANGE BOARD MEMBERS and exchange students — Front Row Ellen McQuillan, Susan Herseman, Kris Adler, Penny Ryan, Julie Bodenstener, Melissa Evans, Rico Garzotto. Second Row Drew Schenck, Myra Macapagal, Laura Goss, Lauren Adler, Marybeth Reavis, Mary Bielech. Third Row Anne Wenzel, Klaus Dahn, Mandy Maas, Lora Maers, Jill Bodenstener, Martha Maers. Fourth Row Gina Fattore, Rick Row, Jakob Olsen, Bari Lagura, Bari Benedict, Dusty Hamacker, Greg Morton, Brian Benedict and Jeff Adney.

SENIOR MANMEET Patheja holds a shishka-bob in her mouth at the FEC Foreign Feast.

IN AN INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL game, senior Mark Hardwick shoots for the extra point as seniors Mike Micciche, Paul Kamanaroff and junior Pete Rans look on.



INTRAMURAL WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB member, senior Russ Barone, practices doing the incline press in the Cleathouse. Weightlifting club meets the first Wednesday of every month.



AT A HOME Quiz Bowl meet against Elston, seniors Pat Kim, Mark Kleehammer, Gina Fattore, and Laura Geiss ponder over a question.

COMPETITION

With a lack of recognition

Princess Di and Prince Charles are mobbed by reporters the moment they leave the grounds of Kensington Gardens.

After being harassed about his marriage to Madonna, Sean Penn went to the extreme of hitting a reporter.

President Ronald Reagan can't go anywhere without a body guard.

Some people will do anything to get out of the spotlight, but some people will do anything to get in it.

For students involved in Quiz Bowl and intramurals, recognition was practically non-existent.

Quiz Bowl, a Trivial Pursuit

— type game, consists of questions made up by VHS teachers of various departments. The meets are played against Michigan City Elston, Michigan City Rogers, Wheeler, and Chesterton.

"We (quiz bowl members) don't want to make a big deal out of the lack of recognition Quiz Bowl has, but for all the time we put into Quiz Bowl meets, we would like to be recognized for the meets we do win," said senior Mark Kleehammer.

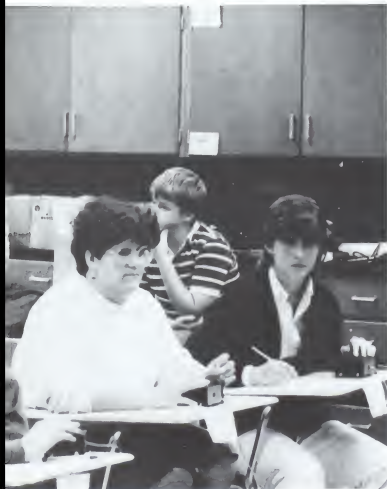
For students in a more sportive mood, VHS offered 12 intramural sports during the year. Sponsored by Mark Hoffman, intramurals gave all

students a chance to participate in a sport without having to try out.

"Intramurals gives me a chance to compete not as competitively as regular sports do, and intramurals are fun for everyone who joins," said sophomore Kristin Hartwig.

Because Quiz Bowl and Intramural members were not blinded by the spotlight of media attention, they competed without ulterior motives — they did it simply for the sake of enjoyment.

— Deanne Spejewski



QUIZ BOWL PARTICIPANTS — Front row: Laura Geiss, Titus Tan. Gina Fattore. Second row: Larry Dembinski, Andy Ross, Tim Tan. Back row: Mark Kleehammer.

Rulebook

As time passes, we all learn from experience. We learn so well, in fact, that by the time we reach high school, we have education down to a science. In the past, the formulas were simple and easy to memorize. One school day equaled 8:00 to 2:30. It meant six classes a day, and it meant taking the same classes our older brothers and sisters had taken. We depended upon our knowledge of the past to pull us through new experiences and to keep us comfortable in our routines. However, the 1985-86 school year ushered in bizarre changes in the fundamentals of our academic lives.

The rules changed. We were forced to drag our weary bodies to the starting line for a race that began at 7:40 a.m. and included an extra lap around the track. Because each class was five minutes shorter, we experienced selectively edited versions of classes which in the past had been 7.5 hours longer every semester. Everyone noticed the differences.

Students who had never had time in their schedules for a study hall were introduced to the world of student aides. Teachers and students, as well as the school computer, had to be reprogrammed to adjust to classes which started at seemingly arbitrary times such as 11:20 or 8:35. Also, the curriculum was evaluated in preparation for "the Coming of the Freshmen," an event most of us visualized as deserving of capital letters.

Even though we were in school to learn physics or algebra or Spanish, what we learned was adaptability. No matter which curveball they threw at us next, we were ready to hit it out of the park. We knew that to win we had to play within the given regulations, so we picked up a copy of the Rulebook and started studying. Even those who thought they had mastered the business of education grudgingly agreed, "IT'S A WHOLE NEW BALLGAME."

— Gina Fattore

A RULER TO most students was a pica stick to Valenian staff members like academics editor Jason Freitag who works to design a perfect layout. Pica sticks and typewriters were the tools of the trade in seventh hour Valenian headquarters.

FOLLOWING THE RULES meant wearing safety glasses in the chemistry lab like these sophomores in a first year class. Of course, following the rules was also important if one wanted accurate results in the experiment.



A standard periodic table of elements. The elements are arranged in rows (periods) and columns (groups). Each element's position is indicated by its atomic number (top left), symbol (center), and name (bottom right). The table includes all elements from Hydrogen (H) to Oganesson (Og).

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New Hour Shows Students Variety Of Art Courses

Math students may have started the year not knowing anything, but gradually, they began to learn and they realized that taking the first derivative of a function was a piece of cake. However, this knowledge wasn't really anything one could take home to show the folks. Somehow, sketches of trig functions just didn't have the same visual impact as a photograph, sculpture or painting done by an art student.

For instance, beginning photography students may not have known developer from fixer on day one, but by the end of a month or so, they were attempting complex projects. And the fruits of their newly-acquired knowledge were certainly tangible.

While most people dropped their film at the drug store, photography students did every step of the process themselves, including the cre-

ative process of choosing the proper subject. "At first, I thought using the chemistry would be hard, but now I realize that actually taking the pictured is the hard part," said junior Leanne Thomas.

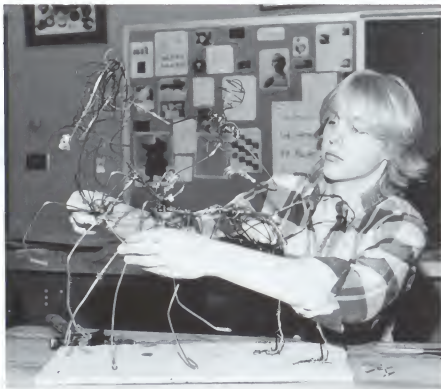
According to Kurt Anderson, who taught all sections of photography, the switch to seven classes and the lack of prerequisites were the reasons more students took photography than ever before. "I probably wouldn't have taken it if there weren't seven hours, but I'm glad I did because it's relaxing," explained Rochelle Meyers.

Besides the students who studied photography exclusively, general art classes concentrated on traditional projects like, paper mache and clay sculpting. However, the overview available, according to Kate Douglas, "broadened your horizons in art."

For students who did want to specialize in the art field and had already taken a beginning art class, courses like ceramics and jewelry making were offered. Senior Kristin Meyer explained that she took these advanced art classes because she knew that unless she majored in art at college, she would never get another chance to learn the techniques.

While math students brought home test papers, art students could bring home wall-hangings and bowls to adorn more than the refrigerator door. Whether it was a painting or a toothpick sculpture, all art students could hold up their final products and have proof of the knowledge acquired over a semester of work.

— Jason Freitag



SENIOR JACK LYONS sculpts the foundation for a statue of an Indian warrior taming a wild horse.



IN FIRST HOUR art class, juniors Mychel Macapagal and Julie Bowen sketch clowns as part of an assignment.



SENIOR SAM HARPER paints a portrait of sophomore Jenny Norris. Watercolors was only one of the many mediums used for painting in art class.



BOB CAIN, ART teacher and boys' golf coach, grins as he looks over print, paint and design class. Cain taught specialized art classes to those students wishing to pursue art as a career.

CLEANING UP WAS often necessary in art classes, and photography was no exception. Senior Cindy Foster wipes up chemicals she spilled while agitating her film.



FEAR IS NOT making junior Dan Alexa's hair stand on end, it's static electricity from a generator in the physics lab.



SENIORS ANDREA KU, Julie Fritz and Kristin Highland explain the characteristics of bones to each other in Biology 3-4.



WHILE HIS LAB partners, seniors Melissa Evans and Mark Hardwick, test the conductivity of a material, Mark Klehammer uses a spare mousetrap to lighten the mood.

Math And Science Interrelate Topics

Although the science and math departments functioned as separate units, they were closely tied by the overall goals and educational benefits.

"Our job is to teach each student as much math as he/she is capable of learning," said Glen Ellis, math department chairman.

Ellis felt advanced math study was important and compared it to limiting a person's vocabulary. "After fourth grade basic math there are infinitely many math-related things you can't do ... after basic English, there are still words you don't know or understand."

The most frequent questions asked by math students were "What purpose does this have? How is this going to help me?"

Ellis responded to that inquiry with "Almost everything we touch has something to do with math" and the more math training a student has had the more options that are open to that person.

For example, the main difference

between student in the general and regular sciences, according to Dr. William Boyle, science department head, is the mathematical background they have had.

Doc, as Boyle was called by his students, said jokingly that the policy of the science department was "to accept the students as they are and move them along." Then he added a bit more seriously, "We try to make them (the students) better prepared to function in a modern technological society."

"Science hopefully helps the student to be able to develop an awareness of the world around them, healthy skepticism, and the ability to analyze arguments," he stated.

According to Ellis, math is a separate entity even though science depends on math and uses it as a tool.

Doc agreed and said, "They are related the same way as communication and language: in order to have science you need math."

— Loretta Kenney



AS USUAL, THE computer is doing exactly what it is told and not what senior Ute Bowman wants it to do.



ALGEBRA CLASS IS not just boring numbers and equations. Don Scott keeps the students alert with a couple of jokes.



PATIENTLY AWAITING THE chance to prove how soundly they were constructed, the bridges hang in the front display case under the watchful eye of Goofy.

CHEMISTRY LAB REQUIRES careful measurements by senior Joel Taylor so the data will turn out correctly.

WHILE MARY STEPHAN checks the accuracy of a seam, juniors Julie Elkins and Kathy Davenport work on individual projects in seventh hour sewing.

THE "INS AND OUTS" of the human anatomy are revealed to county students Sandy Graham, Tami Lindberg and Wendy Razus in health orientation.

AT SMALL WORLD Child Care Center, senior Ginger Reif pulls Casey Huffman onto her lap to read him a story. Reif works there as part of the Pre-Vocational Education Work-Study Program.



DOUG PIERCE OF Design Organization, an architecture firm, interviews senior Sean Weideman through PVE's Work-Study Program.

UNFORTUNATELY, "A WATCHED pot never boils" for sophomore Lori Eberhart and senior Marilyn Rogness who are patiently waiting to finish their cooking lab.



Students Prepare For Work Force

Adult life begins after high school graduation, bringing with it a whole new set of responsibilities and decisions. Three departments, health occupations, home economics, and pre-vocational education informed students of methods for handling the events which may confront them.

A major decision facing high school graduates is choosing the career they are going to pursue. Health occupations taught the basics of health-related careers. Students spent up to two hours in a normal classroom atmosphere, then were granted release time to work in the community. They worked in health facilities like nursing homes and dental offices for credit, not pay.

Instructor Doris Hildreth said the purpose of the courses was to "prepare them (the students) with a background in health fields."

Since adult life also involves relating to other people, home economics taught more than just cooking and sewing. One course, family living, centered on the responsibilities involved in all types of relationships, such as — dating, marriage and friendships. Independent living, a "package class," according to department head Cheryl Bagnall, dealt with housing, personal success, relationships and children.

She explained that the class structure was less rigid than most

and "they (the students) have a good time, since they are not listening to someone lecture for 50 minutes, and — they learn more than they anticipated." All the classes, "hopefully prepare the students for adult living," she added.

Because all adults need some way to support themselves, pre-vocational education, PVE, puts students on the path to adulthood by helping them secure paying jobs. After succeeding in the courses that are designed to teach skills needed to survive in the world, the students are aided in the search for a job.

One section of PVE helped students much the same way as health occupations did. Teaching lab was for students who were thinking of a special education career. Students in teaching lab were placed in a special education class where they helped the teacher and tutored the other students.

Junior Alyson Miller, a student in teaching lab, said, "I want to be a special education teacher. I thought I should know what kind of help they need and what kind of person it takes to teach them."

Work study coordinator Jerry Hager felt that the entire PVE program worked and was very successful in turning out students prepared to face the rigors of adult life.

— Loretta Kenney



SENIOR JACKIE DIAZ demonstrates the proper way to form hospital corners to health orientation classmates Stefanie Colby, Tonya Martin and Ellie Bellen.

AS PART OF her PVE Work-Study class, junior Becky Corneli plays with three children at Small World Child Care Center.



Front row: D. Spejewski, A. Miller, S. Freese, M. Klinefelter, A. Bowden, S. Pilz, T. Mahoney, M. Ambelang, M. Hutton, S. Whalls, L. Kenney, C. Kelly, A. Barber, E. Versteeg, J. Shook, L. Cole, A. Miller, A. Berrier, J. Hall, C. Simson, K. Mutka, K. Herrick, K. Wheeler. Second row: K. Gross, N. Brook, C. Mueller, V. Yuriga, M. Martin, M. Ruble, K. Biggerstaff, M. Kaster, A. Roberts, M. Jones, D. Kelly, D. Miller, M. Martin. Third row: S. Olling, C. Reichert, C. Miller, P. Kickbush, T. Olling, B. Gill, J. Sensenbaugh, J. Young, T. Trost, T. Trost, O. Crowder, W. Gray. Back row: L. Huck, L. Lemon, B. Thompson, B. Grube, C. Anderson.



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At a concert for Kiwanis and Rotary Club, "A" Choir provides the audience with a variety of lively music.



DEVOTION, TALENT, WORK RESULT IN INCREDIBLE SUCCESS

Strains of music penetrated into the halls at the front of the building almost every period of the day.

The day began with the sixth grade band as they struggled to understand their unfamiliar instruments.

Second hour passed in silence but third hour resounded with voices raised in song. "A" choir met during this hour and worked as hard as was demanded of them, according to Bernard Butt, choral director.

He said, "There were a few characters but mostly they were a very good group. There were good musicians and good leadership displayed in every section."

Second season was the major climax of the year for the musical organizations at VHS. "A" choir entered its district contest in the highest division and received first place.

"A" band met during fourth hour and worked beginning in January toward its contests. At district the band entered in the highest division and received a perfect score, the third such rating for Valpo in five years. Eligible at that point to go to the final rankings at state contest, they prepared to prove their worth in Indianapolis. After all 16 bands

had performed and the points were tallied, VHS placed second to Bloomington North High School. Only four tenths of a point separated the two top bands while the third place group was 13 points away from the top.

Director Robert G. Miller said, "I was very pleased with their performance, they made rapid progress and I think the majority (of the band) got into the contest ... They all worked."

Words and music rose again from that hall during fifth hour. For the first time the ninth graders were brought to the high school to sing in "B" choir.

Butt felt that they all had become better singers because they had to sing with the older students.

The results showed at contest when they got a first place.

Sixth hour came with the sounds of "B" band.

Daniel R. Pritchett, director, said, "It was a very enjoyable year, the band got along very well and were very competent players ... Everyone was willing to go that extra mile."

This enthusiasm encouraged Pritchett to enter "B" band in the highest division in addition to "A" band.

For the first time an Indiana high school had both its primary and secondary bands competing in the top level at contest.

Their first appearance at the top went over remarkably well. They got a first and, a chance to go to the state ranking. After a week of nervous waiting, the band was caught in an eightway tie for the final three positions and was eliminated in the second tie-breaking procedure.

"They (the band members) really cared about what they were doing ... that's the important thing," said Pritchett.

Last hour came and the string orchestra gathered to create their music.

According to Miller, their conductor, a slight increase in size from previous years helped give the group a fuller, richer sound.

At district contest this improved tone quality came through when the 32-member orchestra entered the highest division for the first time ever and won a first place.

As a result of the dedicated work of the members, the musical organizations enjoyed a successful year.

— Loretta Kenney

Front row: V. Bell, C. Desarro, K. Frobish, C. Casbon, L. Cuson, K. White, L. Bucher, A. Meyer, K. Henriques, L. Homan, L. Ronda. Second row: C. Parker, T. Miller, J. Blake, K. Spencer, T. Hamrick, A. McCasland, M. Crownover, J. White, M. Krall, M. Yoder, K. Fetta, T. Reinert. Third row: S. Will, C. Clifford, L. Eberhardt, J. Hofferth, J. Cleveland, P. Edwards, C. DeMick, C. Mitchell, D. Frobish, J. Ronco. Back row: M. Phipps, M. Stanczak, P. Staresina, S. Howe, B. Ducat, K. Bednar, K. Maxey, J. Carmichael, S. Aardema, M. Krayniak, S. Banks.

IN ADDITION TO concerts and contest, the combined high school marching band performed at half time at home football games, and did the pregame show at the state championship game. They also marched in the local Popcorn Festival parade, and the "Indianapolis 500" parade.

MORE THAN TYPING

Typing may have attracted the largest portion of the students to the business department, but the department was much more than one course that should advance someone from a hunt and peck slow novice to a recordbreaking flying fingers typist.

According to Vella Greco-Anderson, typing instructor, the classes in the department were designed to give students a background for skilled vocational jobs, to lay a foundation for advanced study in college, and to teach skills needed in everyday life, like balancing a checkbook.

Senior Jodi Dusek said, "I was go-

ing to be a secretary before I joined the Marines but now if I get to do administrative work, I'll know what I'm doing."

As a future business owner, junior Tim Nay felt that the classes gave him a better understanding of exactly how the business world worked.

Students originally may have signed up for the classes expecting to learn about business, but they discovered the classes were also exciting and fascinating.

"I wanted more background in business ... to learn how business-related jobs, laws and ideas are incorporated into the business world.

I like my classes because they were interesting and fun," said junior Darin Kuchaes.

Charlene Kuehl, junior, liked her classes but for a different reason. "I liked my teachers and we didn't have a lot of homework except for tests."

"My classes were fun," stated senior Bobbi Combs, "and you need some business knowledge in anything you do these days."

Typing is a basic and necessary skill but business involves more than that and this department attempted to introduce students to other aspects.

— Loretta Kenney



AFTER FINISHING A computer project in Business Machines, junior Donna Hardick carefully tears off the print-out and prepares to turn it in.



LANCE LEACH UTILIZES the overhead projector to present the day's lesson to his attentive data processing class.

CINDY STABAUM AND senior Yvette Straka search for a solution to a frustrating computer hang-up.





TYPING I TAUGHT sophomores, juniors and seniors not only to type but the proper form to use when writing letters, papers and outlines.

SWIFTNESS AND ACCURACY when using adding machines and calculators makes long calculations easier to manage. Junior Leslie Dingwall (back) and senior Jackie Kleist (front) practice to improve their average speeds.



SENIOR ALICIA SKOLAK practices her telephone manners during intensive office lab.

Seventh-Hour Stretch

Just as Harry Carry anxiously awaited the seventh inning stretch at Wrigley Field, VHS students and faculty couldn't wait for the seventh hour stretch.

Adding one more class to an already tedious schedule, some students found the day much longer and nearly unbearable. "Seven periods has made the day so much harder for me. By the time I get to seventh hour, I don't care whether I get an 'A' or an 'F.' I just want to go home," stated junior Karen Mutka.

"Having seven classes makes the day seem too much longer," commented senior Greg Walls.

Teachers, with added responsibility, tended to share similar opinions. The seven period day has had more disadvantages than advantages to the students.

"You lose time in each class, therefore cover less material. The result is the kids know less about more subjects," said chemistry teacher Jan Bergeson.

On the other hand, both students and teachers were able to see the advantages as well. "I was against it at first but now I like it. So many kids need study halls because they work. For me personally, I need the extra time to grade papers and prepare," explained social studies teacher Anne Baker.

"Since I'm going to be a vet, I liked the change so I could get all my extra science classes in," said junior Bob Morrison.

Although adjustment was necessary seniors insisted the schedule change had little affect on them. "I don't think it affected us (seniors) much because the re-

quirements to graduate didn't go up. People decided to take study halls and classes like foods to lessen the burden," stated Julie Hanson.

"Getting up earlier was a pain, but other than that it didn't make much of a difference. Kids took classes like photography because they already had their required priority classes. I think the juniors will have the hardest adjustment because they will have to experience two years of less priority classes," noted senior Alex Brickley.

Although the student body and faculty expressed a variety of different opinions, they all agreed on one thing. The best part of the seven period day was 2:30 pm, the seventh hour stretch.

— Stephanie Wood



GIVING UP THEIR study halls to aid in the main office are Jenny Higbie, Kelly Zimmerman and Jolanda Pitt. Office aids were responsible for delivering notes, answering the phones and assisting visitors.

WORKING IN THE learning center during their study hall, senior Todd Wagenblast and junior Dan Rice were able to do homework when not attending to the needs of the students.





TAKING ON NEW responsibility with the added hour, English teacher Liz Hall serves as research adviser in the learning center.

SOPHOMORE JEFF HOOD demonstrates the seventh hour stretch as fatigue sets in. Many students opted to utilize their free hour with a study hall.



FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDENTS gather around the food table at the annual foreign language department Christmas party where teachers combined their classes to study holiday customs of different countries and eat foreign Christmas delicacies.

SENIOR KATE DOUGLAS searches for the right word in the glossary of her German book during a group project in third-year class.



Language Classes Improve Foreign Communications

When Chevrolet made plans to sell its newest car in Latin America, they never considered the problems its name would bring. But seeing the slow sales of the NOVA, Chevy executives realized that the name in Spanish meant "won't go." After an identity crisis and a new advertising strategy, the "Caribe" sold marvelously. Not only has the automobile industry badly bungled communications with foreign markets, but so have other fields. Everything from soap to pens have been misrepresented in ad campaigns worldwide. In 1986 more than ever the need for fluent foreign communications was definitely present.

"Part of being a professional today is training in a foreign language. Law, business, medicine and alchemy, in all these professions it is imperative to know how to use a foreign language," said Foreign Language Department Chairman Charles Geiss.

According to Geiss, the foreign language department had higher college requirements, as well as the

obvious vocational needs, to thank for its wide popularity. He also added that teaching a foreign language is different from teaching other subjects.

"A broader approach must be taken in teaching foreign languages. When I'm teaching a slower class, I have to alter my teaching style and make the subject appealing to them," Geiss said.

Foreign languages differed from many other subjects because a student could work through advancing levels. As they became more skilled in the language during the progressive years, students learned to read, write and speak. They were also exposed to the history and background of the language.

Geiss felt that making a foreign language a required course would weaken its appeal. According to Geiss the people who will one day be the leaders of the country will have to know other languages and will, therefore, take a language.

"People abroad have changed their attitudes. They have started

to think that if we as Americans want to sell them our products, we should do so in their language," explained Geiss.

German students had a chance to experience the culture of Deutschland during spring vacation. By traveling abroad students were directly exposed to the language and were able to speak and participate well beyond the scope of class. The trip not only served to bring good will between the United States and West Germany, but also reinforced learning.

The foreign language department taught students fundamentals and "functional knowledge" of a language. It brought students an opportunity to speak and express themselves in a wide variety of means not usually available in other classes.

Finally, foreign languages gave students a way to prepare for professional life and helped Americans enter the rest of the advertising world.

— Jason Freitag



FRENCH AND SPANISH teacher Charles Geiss helps senior Spanish student Sue Clifford in her attempt to break a pinata.

IN MARCIA ARNOLD'S fourth year Spanish class, seniors Marmert Patheja, Lindy Dorris, Susie Johnson and Cris Nover work in pairs on oral practices.

IT IS A test of mind over matter when senior Bill Ashmore works on his weight training unit for Physical Education.



SOPHOMORE BOB RISK wipes off his face after sophomores Sara Andrews gave him a facial as part of her demonstration speech.



WHILE HIS 7th hour health class studies diligently, Mr. Hoffman surveys the situation to check for loafers.



SENIOR SUSAN HOLCOMB explains to her speech class how to brighten a homesick college students' day by sending them a care package.

ALERT TO THE action of the game, students play hard to improve their volleyball skills and to have fun during gym.





FULLY ABSORBED IN the crucial rhythm necessary to pass the CPR exam, sophomore Scott Ellsworth works on mastering the timing during his Health & Safety class.



Purpose For Everything: Even Required Courses

Confident eighth graders shuffle into the auditorium, ready to sign up for their first set of high school classes.

They are handed a piece of paper with a list of classes they are automatically taking the following fall. From the stage, a voice rattles off information about planning high school curriculum and other pertinent facts that most choose to ignore.

One fact hits them across the face and calls them immediately to attention: before graduation they have to ... are required to ... take two years of gym and one semester each of speech and health and safety.

Health and safety education was required by the state of Indiana, "in order to give students the opportunity to learn about the life experience," according to Mark Hoffman, health and safety instructor.

The course taught basic first aid and some advanced techniques, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation, CPR.

Students who were fortunate enough to have enough snow fall during the semester studied snowmobile safety, while everyone talked about boating and water safety.

Health and safety also discussed emotional growth and development

and methods to deal with chronic or disabling diseases. A large problem in modern society, drug use and abuse, was also touched on.

For those students interested in expanding on the drug unit from health and safety, substance abuse education was offered.

In its fifth year, this course talked about the effects drug use — both legal and illegal — have on the user and the people associated with the user.

"A relative course ... it discussed topics they are going to experience eventually, later in life," said Hoffman.

Physical Education was another course with practical applications. According to department chairperson, Nancy Walsh, what students experience in gym class "will carry over into adult life so they will know that they really should stay physically healthy."

According to Walsh, part of the philosophy of the P.E. department was "to help develop students to their total potential — mentally, physically and socially."

The classes were designed to balance physical fitness (aerobics, running, etc.) with lifetime sports (bowling, basketball, etc.).

To help those who were less physically gifted, grades were determined by attitude and scores on

written tests as well as skill and performance.

"Physical education in its own right is just as important," said Walsh, comparing gym class to the academic portion of education.

One of the those more academic courses, speech, taught students to do more than just stand up in front of a class and rattle off a 10-minute speech.

According to Alice Gambel, the students learned how to really listen and understand what they were being told.

They discussed problems in all types of relationships from business ones to personal ones.

Homework assignments, or transportation devices, as Gambel called them, gave the students experience in communicating to a group of people. The devices dealt with entertaining and presenting information, personal feelings, and persuasive arguments.

Gambel said that transportation devices gave students "a chance to become more self-confident when dealing with strangers."

Students may complain about the necessity of required classes but Walsh summed up the rationale behind required classes when she said "classes that are required help develop the complete individual."

— Loretta Kenney

Independent Study Broadens Horizons

Every day during each class, students had five minutes of their own before the teacher actually started teaching. While attendance was being taken, students talked about the weekend's special events, finished homework or caught up on missed sleep. Eventually the teacher managed to get the attention of his class, and reluctantly students opened their books to begin the learning process.

Every day during Independent Study, IPS students had these same five minutes without a teacher to tell them when to turn around and pay attention. "Motivation is definitely a problem. You have to be willing to apply yourself to your project without having someone nagging at you to get it done," said senior IPS student Drew Schenck.

Independent study was a semester class available to all students. Those who took IPS had to complete a project, which could be chosen from any area of study, giving them a chance to go beyond the standard curriculum.

Before being assigned to IPS, students first had to complete an application listing their study objectives that gave a detailed description of

their prospective project. In addition to outlining their study plans, IPS students also had to name a faculty advisor who would supervise, aid and encourage their progress toward completion of the project.

A faculty adviser was usually a teacher from the area of study that the student's project fell under. The advisor, although not being an instructor to the student, offered the advice and assistance that the student needed. Students met weekly with their faculty adviser to share their progress.

After submitting an application and obtaining a faculty adviser, students had to appear before the IPS committee to present their plans. The committee chaired by Brenda Lott and Ruth Williamson, determined who would be accepted into the program.

Once the student was assigned to IPS, he began his project. In past years, projects have included music videos, sculpture, designing clothes and poetry. Students could receive grades of only "A," "C" or "F" when they were evaluated at the nine week grading period.

— Jason Freitag



RICK CHRUSTOWSKI AND Joe Kovalick use old Valentians to learn about the customs and fashions of society in days past for a sociology group project.

SOCIOLOGY TEACHER ANN Baker and senior Susie Johnson are surrounded by food and drink at a potlatch where students tried to impress each other with displays of wealth.





SENIOR DREW SCHENCK, an independent study programming student, diligently works toward completing his creative writing and poetry project.

BURT LARGURA AND Dan Murphy listen attentively to Sid Reggie lecture during first hour American Foreign Policy. This class was a popular alternative to U.S. History I-2 for juniors.

Students Explore Career Interests

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"

"Oh, I don't know. That's too far in my future."

But it wasn't. An eight year old might have been able to get away with that answer, but a high school student couldn't. Because their future was just around the corner, vocational industrial arts, drafting and electronics students were doing something about future career plans.

"There are many advantages to starting a career while still in high school," said department chairman Zane Cole. "For one thing students in the vocational program get a headstart on future employment. It also exposes them to a specific area of interest to help them decide if that is what they want to do for 20 or 30 years."

In vocational industrial arts, seniors with specific industrial trade interest got started as an employee in that field. Students were oriented to the working world by attending a work station daily.

Contrary to popular belief, vocational industrial arts students studied textbook material. On an average day, students would discuss a work activity with Cole, do an exercise from their text or practice a job skill such as writing resumes.

Students who hoped to enter the "working world" as architects, draftsmen or contractors enrolled in vocational drafting. Greater

depth and professionalism aside from the necessary skills of good freehand lettering and line techniques were taught by Frank Horvath.

"In vocational drafting, my students work toward communicating graphic symbols not in writing, but in the form of drawing," said Horvath. Students also learned to draw floorplans, understand perspective drawing and present a drawing that would please the client.

Solid state, communication and digital electronics; and robotics were all the topics covered by Dave Kenning's vocational electronics class. Students who took the class prepared themselves for further study at either a college or technical school.

Vocational electronics gave students a chance to interface with computers and discover the role that computers play in modern electronics. "Computers are what electronics are in real life. They are necessary today for electricians to do their jobs properly," said Kenning. He added that vocational electronics was a class that any student who was interested in technical fields and had taken beginning algebra would like to take.

Vocational education gave students the opportunity to experience occupational interests years before looking for real jobs.

— Jason Freitag

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SENIOR Joe Harn draws a floorplan as a project for vocational drafting class. In vocational drafting, students were taught greater depth and professionalism than regular drafting classes.





VOCATIONAL ELECTRONICS STUDENT Rich Hopkins of Portage High School "trouble shoots" a digital circuit. County students like Hopkins commuted to VHS every day to participate in the vocational education program.

USING ONE OF the drafting industries state of the art tools, the CAD Computer, Bill Snow of Boone Grove High School receives help from Frank Horvath. CAD, or Computer Aided Drafting, gives students an opportunity to transform manual drawings into modern computer images.

ALTHOUGH IT IS not usually considered a "real" class, Vocational Electronics students had bookwork. Stu Robbins, a senior electronics student from Portage High School, studies for a test over robotics in Dave Kenning's class.



JUNIORS PATTY BIRD and Karla Droege research in the learning center as many English students did when writing papers or reports.

AFTER 17 YEARS of teaching at VHS, Katherine Clark was honored as one of the Hoosier English Teachers of 1985 by the Indiana Council of Teachers of English.

DURING ANOTHER CHAOTIC day at Valen-ian headquarters, Gina Fattore consults with Laura Shurr while Karen Mutka designs layouts and Mike Barone rests from yearbook burnout.



Electives Give Students Freedom

At the supermarket, one can choose any one of an abundance of breakfast cereals ranging from Grape Nuts to Fruity Pebbles on the nutritional spectrum. While this makes breakfast infinitely more entertaining, it also makes for some difficulties because once a person chooses a certain box, he's eating Lucky Charms for the duration.

After all, if someone was dying for Captain Crunch and ended up with Corn Flakes, he'd be less than satisfied, and if a student who craved literature got stuck with a semester of vocabulary, he'd probably want his money back.

But, thankfully, students did not storm the guidance office demanding refunds because the phase-elective system worked smoothly in giving them traditional subject matter, yet still providing a choice. Senior Ann Frey was happy with her classes because she got the exposure to the classics she wanted for college. "Everyone I met said, 'Shakespeare! You're gonna have to know that stuff.'"

English teachers also had praise for the system which began as a fad back in the late 60s. "There aren't many phase-elective systems left today, but we love it. It's the optimum teaching situation," commented English department chairman Judith Lebyk. Students benefitted when they were more comfortable in specific phase levels, and teach-

ers had an easier task knowing their students had at least some interest in the subject.

Interest was, after all, the main factor most considered when scheduling classes. Senior Drew Schenck said he was looking for something "fun, exciting, different, mind-expanding and individualistic."

Although teacher suggestions were also prevalent, many students got input from friends or brothers and sisters who had taken the class in question. "I kind of just went on my own opinions, but my brother Bart told me how philosophy was a fun class, so I took it," said junior Brian Benedict.

Of course, not everyone was totally satisfied. "I think I made some mistakes and gyped myself out of a lot of good classes," lamented senior Melissa Evans. But the majority found out they could fulfill the eight required semesters and still enjoy the subject.

In the long run, English classes really were like breakfast cereals. Whether it was Cheerios or Wheaties, any cereal could get us through to lunch with a minimum of stomach growls, just as any English class from 19th century British literature to fiction in film, could make students better communicators to get them through life with a minimum of complications.

— Gina Fattore

JUNIOR SPORTS EDITOR Mike Barone concentrates on drawing the perfect layout for girls' golf pictures in seventh hour Valenian class.

SENIOR LIA GRUBE uses the card catalog in the learning center to research her preliminary bibliography in term paper class.



Pennant Race

Although the World Series is only seven games, to get there a team must emerge victorious from a 162-game schedule. Extensive media coverage makes each championship game a larger-than-life sporting extravaganza, but when the players take the field, it's just another game. The rules are the same, and the basic skills are the ones repeated thousands of times. Keeping this in perspective amid the whirlwind of emotion was the 1986 challenge for VHS athletes as post-season play became the norm in almost every sport.

Excitement remained high as fans anxiously waited to see who would be next to travel the road to Indy for state competition. In the course of the "play-offs," the football team won games in the muddy rains of November, the volleyball team endured food poisoning, the girls' basketball team played to sparse crowds and swimmers shed

their locks.

But the quirks and publicity of state tournament competition were not possible until the teams had done miles of roadwork or rode home on dark buses from countless away games. The Pennant Race was long and hard, but no matter what the odds, the experts or last year's record said, athletes, coaches and fans showed their tenacity.

The football team, 3-7 in '83, went 12-2, in '85, conjuring up images of the '75 state championship team; the boys' cross country team won a state championship in '83 and won another in '85, and the coach of the girls' state runner-up basketball team in '82 made '86 his last season. In short, traditions were renewed, started and ended all in the course of one year which led many people to say, "IT'S A WHOLE NEW BALLGAME."

— Gina Fattore

ALL THE WAY down the line, Viking JV players and coaches exhibit expressions of intense concentration and mannerisms of pent up energy as they watch their teammates take a commanding lead and smash Hobart 53-27.

SENIOR QUARTERBACK STEVE Letnich hands off to running back Pat Rooney while Viking blockers Dan Spencer, 87, and Mike Neis, 64, control the line of scrimmage in a 30-6 victory over MC Rogers. Letnich and Rooney later played in the Indiana North-South All-Star game.





Mean Lean Running Machine

They're No. 1

Just as an army needs dedicated, hardworking and devoted soldiers to conquer an enemy, a team needs athletes with the same traits to defeat an opponent.

"It's very gratifying to see young men who are willing to sacrifice and work hard to accomplish a goal," according to coach Sam Rasmussen. That sacrifice paid off on Saturday, November 9, 1985, as the boys' cross country team took the state championship in Indianapolis.

Although the cold and wet conditions that Saturday weren't prime, the weather didn't prove to be a deciding factor. The keys to Valpo's victory were the season-long belief that they could do it and a great sense of team camaraderie.

The state title was just the tip of the iceberg for the undefeated Vikings who captured the Hobart, New Prairie and Highland Invitationals. Finally this team swept all tournament first place titles.

The team was led by third year letter winner Brett Polizotto who proved to be a stand out in aiding Vikings in every race. Though only a ju-

nior, Polizotto placed third at the state meet and earned his second state title. In addition, he was all conference, all state and set four different course records including Valpo, Portage and both the junior and course records at Highland.

Confirming Valpo's dominance of the DAC, Jim Arnold, Loren Huck, Todd Wagenblast and Dave Ziegert were also named all-conference. The All-state members were Jim Arnold, Loren Huck and Todd Wagenblast. Rasmussen doesn't give credit to himself, but to the leadership of Polizotto and Wagenblast. "By example, Brett was one team leader, and Todd the other by being the team motivator and giving great moral support," said Rasmussen. In addition, Rasmussen places a great emphasis on the importance of assistant coach Mike Polite in the success of their team.

Though the team wasn't in a life-or-death combat situation, they fought hard under pressure all season long to achieve their goals.

— Katie Hofferth

JUNIOR BRETT POLIZOTTO leads the pack during the state meet at Indianapolis. Polizotto went on to finish third over all.

SENIOR TODD WAGENBLAST concentrates on his pace as he helps lead Valpo to a victory over Michigan City Elston.



BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY — Front Row: Dion Jones, Nat Keammerer, Dan Pachkloe, Chris Cole, Carl Frey, Jim Arnold, Brett Polizotto. Second Row: Steve Meyer, Ray Trisick, Tim Holtzner, Loren Huck, Matt Harrington, Dan Betjemann, Brian Klemz.

Back Row: Coach Sam Rasmussen, Dave Ziegert, Todd Wagenblast, Matt Utterback, Rob Mahoney, Jeff Fralley, Mark Jones, Assistant Coach Mike Polite.



BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY Season Record 21-0

	VHS	OPP
Chesterion	18	40
Lafayette Jefferson	15	48
Michigan City Elton	15	48
Hammond Morton	15	44
Kouts	18	49
Michigan City Rogers	20	54
Lake Central	15	50
Crown Point	17	46
Highland	15	49
LaPorte	15	50
Merrillville	15	46
Portage	15	50
Hobart	15	50
New Prairie Invite	22	43
Highland Invite	16	34
DAC Meet	16	47
Sectional	1st	
Regional	1st	
Semi-State	1st	
State	1st	



THE 1985 BOYS' Cross Country team celebrates their state championship after a 79-146 victory over Carmel.



SENIOR LAURA HARTWIG paces herself against Hammond Morton. Valpo won the dual meet 15-50.

THREE VIKINGS RUN in pack, a characteristic of Valpo's style. Colleen Jones, Anne Jacobsen, and Laura Shurr take charge against Hammond Morton.

SECOND YEAR VARSITY letter winner Meghan Martin tries to gain the lead in the sectional meet. Martin went on to lead Valpo at state by placing 17th overall and making the All-State team.



Girl Harriers Beat Rival M.C. Elston To Take Sectionals

Finish 10th At State

When watching a cross country meet it isn't unusual to see one person cross the finish line and then proceed to turn around and start cheering for fellow teammates who haven't yet completed the race.

For the 1985-86 Valpo girls cross country team, that scene was quite typical, though. According to Pat McKay, one of the team's greatest assets was that they all enjoyed one another and wanted to help each other as much as possible all the time.

Not many would say that this team was like wolves, yet it was a good synonym. The team, like wolves, ran in a pack. McKay felt this created an ideal situation and another major team strength. Having the team stick together in practice proved for a harder workout because they had to push themselves more. This helped in preparation for meets.

The leadership of the team remained in the top seven run-

ners who were Katie Douglas, Ann Frey, Ann Jacobsen, Colleen Jones, Laura Hartwig, Meghan Martin and Laura Shurr. McKay said that these people not only were leaders in ability but in morale and in positive mental attitude. "Five of our top seven were seniors, which is unusual in cross country. These girls knew it was their last year, and it was this year or not at all."

This determination led the Vikings to a 8-3 season record. After winning the DAC meet, Valpo took sectionals, placed 5th at regionals, and went on to the state meet in Indianapolis to finish 10th overall.

The Vikings set goals for themselves as both individuals and a team throughout the season. They were successful in attaining their major team goals by beating Michigan City Elston in regionals for the first time and also by placing ahead of Crown Point at state, and finally by actually making it to state.

"I was extremely pleased

that all the goals that were set were succeeded and that we could have fun while doing it," commented McKay on the season.

Depth was yet another factor benefitting the Lady Vikings. When the team's No. 1 runner, sophomore Meghan Martin, became ill and was out for 5 weeks, Valpo had no problems with sophomore Colleen Jones filling in the spot. Jones was awarded Most Valuable Player; however, Martin led the Vikings at state finishing first for the team & by placing 17th overall. Martin also received the Mental Attitude Award while senior Katie Douglas was given Most Improved. On the JV level, Amy Baker received the Mental Attitude Award.

Loyalty, a senior-oriented team, determination and all-around hard work all aided to the success of the Valparaiso girls' cross country team.

— Katie Hofferth

SENIOR KATIE DOUGLAS pushes herself a little harder in the Valpo dual meet versus Hammond Morton. Douglas was awarded Most Improved Player.



GIRL'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM — Front row: Jody Highland, Wendy Berner, Colleen Jones, Ann Frey, Ann Jacobsen, Meghan Martin, and Amy Doelling. Back row: Kim

Loft, Laura Hartwig, Laura Shurr, Amy Baker, Paula Doelling, Marya Martin, Katie Douglas, and Heidi Klett.

GIRL'S CROSS COUNTRY Season Record 8-3

	VHS	OPP
Portage	29	46
Hobart	29	56
Highland	34	23
Crown Point	32	25
Michigan City Elston	27	28
Hammond Morton	15	50
Chesterton	20	37
Boone Grove	20	41
LaPorte	25	34
Merrillville	15	50
Munster	20	35
Duneland Conference	1st	
SECTIONALS	1st	
REGIONALS	4th	
STATE	10th	





COACHES MARK HOFFMAN, John Cook, and Rick Mitchell study Valpo's play at the state finals in the Hoosier Dome. Valpo went on to become class 5A state runners-up after a 7-41 loss to the No. 1 ranked Warren Central.



VARSITY FOOTBALL — Front Row: Dave Brown, Ron Graham, Michelle Crossover, Jenny Broadhurst, Cassie Tucker, Shelby Anderson, Karen Scott, Cathy Prosser, Leslie Burns, Jessica Jones, Julie Turner, Sandy Nelson, Krista Watson, Elise Daxe, Cynde Schmitt, Kelly Reno, Jennifer Williams, Bonni Nuest, Kathy Briggs, Missy Leetz, Bonnie Shoffner, Leanne Thomas. Second Row: Charles VanSenus, Bob Shinall, Tim Atha, Tim Burbee, Doug Hoskins,

Scott Corneli, Mike Daggett, John Pishkur, Jeff Leffew, Larry Wright, B.J. Dick, Joe Baldwin, Shawn Thomas, Russ Barone, Tony Caprous, Tim Collins, Scott Castle. Third Row: Rick Neal, Dan Spencer, Mike Barone, Dan Welsh, Sam Bernardi, Joe Pekarek, Mark Hardwick, Chad Fortune, Greg Walls, Dave Deller, Bob Porter, Dan Rice, Dave Rice, Jeff Sensenbaugh, Tom Bartelmo, John Evert, Mark Marcinkowski, Jeff Higbie. Fourth Row: Norby Jakel, Jerry Blaney,

Chuck Rinker, Steve Brown, Bill Tauck, Mike Neis, Steve Letnich, Pat Rooney, Frank Wilson, Dan Murphy, John Walsh, Ken Barfell, John Tapp, Mike Troman, Jason Willis, Dave Wickersham, Chris Peddle, Craig Hewlett. Back Row: John Cook, Rick Mitchell, Rod Moore, Steve Osburn, George Nierert, Pat Murphy, Mark Stanzak, Rob Davidson, Dave Doelling, Dave Watson, Dave McGonigle, Tom McNeil, Dale Gott, Terry Cox, Mark Hoffman.

VARSITY FOOTBALL Season Record: 12-2

	VHS OPP
Munster	22 10
Hobart	7 19
Michigan City Rogers	30 6
Chesterton	45 6
Merrillville	17 13
LaPorte	27 0
Portage	13 6
Gary Roosevelt	36 12
SECTIONALS	
South Bend LaSalle	56 7
Mishawaka	27 0
LaPorte	34 0
REGIONALS	
Merrillville	14 2
SEMI-STATE	
Fort Wayne Snider	20 7
STATE	
Warren Central	7 41





SENIOR QUARTERBACK STEVE Letnich prepares to hand off to Pat Rooney as blocking back Jeff Leffew and the offensive line of Dan Spencer, Dave Wickersham, Mike Barone, and Dan Welsh lead the attack to a Valpo victory over Michigan City Rogers 30-6.

SENIOR FRANK WILSON attempts a field goal as Mark Hardwick holds the ball in place. Wilson set a school record by kicking two 48-yard field goals this season.



Senior-Oriented Team Reaches State Championship Goal

Ends 10-Year Drought

Winning teams are made by first setting goals and then by taking the necessary steps to achieve them.

According to Coach Mark Hoffman, Valpo set a preseason goal to be the best they possibly could. Judging by their results and efforts, they were successful. He attributed much of attaining that goal to the group of talented and experienced seniors who were dedicated to preparing to win.

Valpo fans watched as the Vikings completed the regular season with an outstanding 7-1 record. The winter months swept in and though the temperature was cold, the Vikes stayed hot throughout the state tournament. Taking sectionals, regionals, and defeat-

ing the No. 2 team in the state, Fort Wayne Snider, the team advanced to the state finals.

On Saturday, November 30, the Vikings met Warren Central at the Hoosier Dome for the State Championship. Though the Vikings weren't victorious they became the IHSAA Class 5A state runners-up after a 7-41 defeat.

The efforts of this team were exemplified by several new records. The team set a record with 12 wins and two losses for an entire season. The offense accumulated 4,658 yards in total offense and earned 222 first downs. Steve Letnich became the all-time leader in total combined offense by gaining 2,299 yards. Other records included

Frank Wilson's two 48-yard field goals and 13 broken-up pass plays. In addition, Mike Neis had eight quarterback sacks and nine solo tackles for loss of yardage.

Additional excellence was reflected as six seniors were named to both the All-Conference team and All-State team: Russ Barone, Chad Fortune, Letnich, Neis, Pat Rooney and Wilson. Fortune was also given Honorable Mention All-American status by *USA Today*.

The Vikings proved that they could be the best they possibly could through dedication, determination, and hard work all season long.

— Katie Hofferth



THE OFFENSIVE LINE readies itself as the quarterback Steve Letnich calls the play. The Viking offense set two school records by accumulating 4,658 yards of total offense and gaining 222 first downs.



WIDE RECEIVER CHAD Fortune struggles to keep his balance and to hold on to the ball as Michigan City Rogers' opponent attempts to tackle him to the ground. Fortune received All-American status by *U.S.A. Today*.

Determined JV Team Works Hard

Vikings Steadily Improve

At the beginning of the J.V. football season, the J.V. Vikings looked as though they were going to fall downhill. But any physics student knows that when objects fall downhill they increase their velocity and that is exactly what the J.V. football team did.

Just as an object increases its velocity, the team increased its "velocity" after stumbling against Lew Wallace, the first game of the year. During that game the J.V. team played poorly in all phases of the game according to Defensive Coordinator Dale Gott. After the loss to Lew Wallace, they played "tough" football explained Gott.

Winning four of their last six games, the J.V. Vikings went on to post a 4-3 record and a 4-2 mark in the Dundeland Conference.

Three areas of the team were very consistent throughout the year according to the coaches. Coach Gott stated, "The running backs, defensive

inside linebackers and nose position were very strong."

Offensive Coordinator Pat Murphy explained that throughout each week, the two areas of the team that were considered "weak," the offensive and defensive lines, came along and improved.

This improvement showed throughout the remainder of the season. Valpo shutout both Michigan City Rogers and Chesterton by a combined score of 38-0. The win over Chesterton was considered the turning point of the season by Coach Murphy. "The team could have folded after starting at 0-2, but they bounced back to finish at 4-2," stated Murphy.

What pleased Murphy and Gott was the steady improvement of the offensive and defensive lines. "The difference between winning and losing was the improvement of the offensive and defensive lines," explained Gott.

Playing a big part in the suc-

cess of the team were the offensive MVP Steven Mueller and the defensive co-MVP's Curt Geer and David Raymond. Although the team named MVP's, each game was a team effort according to Murphy. He explained, "It is hard to single out one individual." The team concept was stressed throughout the year. Murphy stated that the team captains alternated every week. No one player was captain the entire year.

Over the years, the establishment of the J.V. football program has been pretty routine. This year, however, a "rut" disrupted the routine. Preparations for the upcoming freshmen class next year was this "rut." It forced the coaches to make adjustments which will be only the beginning of changes to come in the following years.

— Kevin McBride

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR DALE Gott gives instructions to his defense during the LaPorte game. VHS defeated LaPorte 34-13.





SOPHOMORE CURT GEAR tackles a Chesterton runningback as sophomores Jeff Daxe and Jason Mack close in on the play. The Vikings blanked Chesterton 21-0.

SOPHOMORE HALFBACK STEVEN Mueller eludes Chesterton tacklers in pursuit while sophomore Darin Cleaveland prepares to block during the Vikes 21-0 shutout of Chesterton.



JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL — Front Row: Managers Dave Brown, Ronnie Graham, Cheerleaders Michelle Crownover, Jenny Broadhurst, Cassie Tucker, Shelby Anderson, Karen Scott, Cathy Prosser, Trainers Leslie Burns, Jessica Jones, Elise Daxe, Sandy Nelson, Krista Watson, Julie Turner, Cheerleaders Cynde Schmidt, Kelly Reno, Jennifer Williams, Bonnie Nuest, Kathy Briggs, Missy

Leetz, Managers Bonnie Shoffner, Leanne Thomas. Second Row: Buddy Worline, David Baker, Jeff Lewis, Clark Horsely, Jason Mack, Jeff Daxe, Barry Warenburg, Scott Bihman, David Raymond, Rick Vaughn, Frank Mellon, Darin Cleaveland, Doug Walls, Pete Reggie, Bryan Benke. Third Row: Ted Heinze, Mark Schwab, Corey Fortune, Jon Woods, Mark Bolde, Bret Fischer, Fred Phillips, Alan Feder-

man, Rob Strikwerda, Kevin Jones, Bernie Grabowski, Matt Kush, Lee Petcu, Steven Mueller, Todd Young. Back Row: Assistant Coaches John Cook, Rick Mitchell, Steve Osburn, George Nietert, Pat Murphy, Dave Watson, Crock McGonigle, Tom McNeil, Dale Gott, Terry Cox, Head Varsity Coach Mark Hoffman.

JV FOOTBALL SEASON RECORD: 4-3

	VHS	OPP
Lew Wallace	7	27
Hobart	14	21
Michigan City Rogers	17	0
Chesterton	21	9
Merrillville	34	13
LaPorte	12	0
Portage		



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL Season Record: 22-4

North Judson	W
Highland	W
Westville	W/W
Munster/Gavit	L/W
Crown Point	W
Kankakee Valley	W
Hobart	W
Chesterton	W
Bishop Noll	W
Griffith	W
Andean	L
Hebron	W
Morton	W
LaPorte	W
Lake Central	L
Bishop Noll	W
M.C. Rogers	W
Portage	W
Chesterton	W
M.C. Marquette	W
Merrillville	W
SECTIONALS	
Andean	W
Merrillville	W
Portage	W
REGIONALS	
Hammond Clark	L

JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL Season Record 15-3

North Judson	W
Highland	W
Westville	W
Munster/Gavit	L/W
Crown Point	W
Kankakee Valley	W
Hobart	W
Hebron	W
Morton	W
LaPorte	W
Lake Central	W
Bishop Noll	L
M.C. Rogers	W
Portage	W
Chesterton	W
M.C. Marquette	W
Merrillville	W



VARSITY GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM — Front Row: Managers Jill Welsh and Kristi Ailes, Shelly McMurtrey, Michelle Lambert, Jody Susdorf, Shelia Miller, Susan Frye, Liz Hauser, Sandy Marshall.

Managers Kristin Hartwig and Rebecca VanDenburgh. Back Row: Jill Koetke, Jill Smith, Michele Bishop, Kaye Keller, Missi Crownover, Stephanie Wood, Katie Hofferth, Nancy Ducat, Coach Mark Knauff.



JV VOLLEYBALL TEAM — Front Row: Jody Susdorf, Heather Mallett, Marcia Evans, Shelly McMurtrey, Michelle Lambert, Jill Koetke, Laurie Wagenblast, Traci Leveritt. Back Row: Managers Jill Welsh

and Kristi Ailes, Stephanie Snider, Sarah Fischer, Traci Zoladz, Neallie Jones, Jennifer Henderson, Manager Rebecca Van Denburgh, Coach Elke Bowman.



SENIOR MICHELE BISHOP leaps into the air and launches a spike as team members Katie Hofferth and Sue Frye look on.

SENIOR LIZ HAUSER displays perfect form while spiking the ball. Seniors Sue Frye, Michele Bishop and Nancy Ducat anticipate the return.



Experience Leads Vikes To Record-breaking Season

Teamwork Keys Success

Teamwork is an integral part of any team. For example, the 1985 Chicago Bears relied on teamwork for their success. The Bear players were friends on as well as off the field. The same was true for the 1985 girls' varsity volleyball team whose success was due to their friendship and teamwork.

The team made the most of their opportunities and compiled the most successful record in VHS history, finishing with a 22-4 record. The amount of experience on the team played a major role in the success of the team, explained second-year coach Mark Knauff. He stated, "This year's team was very experienced because we had eight returning lettermen from last year." The returning lettermen were: Michele Bishop, Nancy Ducat, Missy Faber, Sue Frye, Liz Hauser, Sandy Marshall, Sheila Miller and

Stephanie Wood.

During the season, the girls played consistently according to Coach Knauff. Despite the team's four losses he was quick to point out that the team played well every match. The friendship and unity among the girls were the two reasons for their excellent record and consistency said Coach Knauff. He replied, "The girls got along with each other very well. They didn't hold any grudges or have any jealousy toward each other."

Two areas of the team contributed greatly throughout the season. Coach Knauff felt the team hit the ball better and improved their defense with each game. Because of these attributes, the team won the Duneland Conference and the sectional by beating Portage in the final.

As the tournament play in the sectional and regional continued, Coach Knauff believed

his team's lack of height became a hindrance. "During tournament play, you learn quickly that you need more height to compete with some of the other teams," explained Coach Knauff.

An award for top spiker went to Bishop and the top server award went to Ducat. The outstanding defense award went to Miller, and the MVP was Frye. Four players made the All-Conference team. They were Bishop, Ducat, Frye and Miller.

The junior varsity girls' volleyball team finished the year with a 15-3 record. Individual awards went to three players. Heather Mallet received the mental attitude award, the most improved player was Jennifer Henderson, and the top spiker was Traci Zoladz.

— Kevin McBride



JUNIOR KATIE HOFFERTH eyes the ball as she prepares to bump.



SENIOR VARSITY PLAYER Matt Evans grimaces as he follows through on his backhand. Evans was the team MVP as well as the Duneland Conference MVP.

JUNIOR DAN FRYE serves as senior Titus Tan awaits the ball's return from their Culver opponent. The Vikes lost the home meet 3-2.

CONCENTRATION IS EVIDENT as junior Jaipal Patheja prepares for the return. The Vikes lost the home meet against Culver.



Raqueteers Regroup

New Players Boost Team

When a crucial part of a machine is missing or doesn't work, the machine becomes less efficient.

On the 1985-86 boys' tennis team, the trouble of finding a first doubles team held them down. "The guys that played doubles last year were playing singles this year. This gave us problems in finding a doubles team," said Coach Tim Shideler. But putting this fact aside, the team was quite successful.

Compiling a 10-7 regular season record, a tie for third in the conference and a sectional runner up, Shideler felt the team did well considering they were young. They had six returners, Matt Evans, Doug Gerber, Kevin McBride, Neal

Heffernan, Titus Tan and Jaipal Patheja, but a few key players from last year didn't return. "We had some kids from last year who would've been a help to our team but chose not to go out this year," said Shideler.

Gerber was perhaps the team's steadiest player throughout the season. He received the Most Valuable Player Award and Shideler thought he should have made All-Conference.

Four year letter winner Evans, led this year's team. Matt was the No. 1 player with 15-5 record. He made the All-Conference team and was named the conference MVP.

Aside from the loss of Evans, the Vikes outlook for the

future was promising. According to Shideler, this was a rebuilding year and a time to gain experience for the underclassmen.

The JV finished the season with a 12-2 record. Coach Lance Nolting said they had all good players with about the same ability. This allowed them to use a different line up every game and still win a lot of meets. Nolting in this first year of coaching, said the season was "very rewarding."

Some outstanding players on this year's squad were Jeff Fisher, Todd Scholl, Drew Scholl and Tan.

— Mike Barone

HIS OPPONENT'S SHOT nearing him, junior Doug Gerber prepares to return the ball to his Culver competitor.



BOYS' VARSITY TENNIS. Front Row: Doug Gerber, Dan Frye, Jaipal Patheja. Back Row: Titus Tan, Matt Evans, Coach Tim Shideler, Kevin McBride, Neal Heffernan.



BOYS' JUNIOR VARSITY TENNIS. Front Row: Dan Martin, Keith Kamanaroff, Andy Dahlgren, Steve Williams, Jason Telschow. Second Row: Tim Tan, Drew Scholl, Dave Castleman, Paul Brown, Jeff Fischer, Mark Fisher. Back Row: Coach Lance Nolting, Dave Holt, Brad Hurst, Jeff Johnston, Todd Scholl, Tim Miller.

BOYS' VARSITY TENNIS SEASON Record: 10-7

Griffith	W
South Bend Adams	L
Portage	L
Hobart	W
Crown Point	W
Culver	L
LaPorte	L
Chesterton	W
Lowell	W
Michigan City Rogers	W
Lafayette Harrison	W
Rochester	L
Michigan City Marquette	W
Portage	L
Lake Central	W
Andean	L
Merrillville	W

BOYS' JUNIOR VARSITY TENNIS Season Record: 12-2

Griffith	W
Portage	W
Hobart	W
Crown Point	W
LaPorte	W
Chesterton	W
Lowell	W
Michigan City Rogers	W
Harrison	W
Rochester	W
Portage	L
Lake Central	W
Andean	L
Merrillville	W

Undergo Rebuilding Year

On January 28th, 1986 when the space shuttle Challenger exploded during its flight into space, the NASA space program suffered a great setback. The loss of the crew and machinery delayed further exploration for several months. Just as NASA underwent a rebuilding year, the 1985 girls' swim team worked from scratch.

Under third-year coach Jim Sharp, the team compiled a 9-4 record. They finished second only to Chesterton in the DAC and sectionals.

Sharp described the season as mediocre. He stated, "We are in the process of going through a rebuilding year." From last year, the team lost a lot of "valuable" seniors, so the basis of this year's team was underclassmen said Sharp.

Throughout the season, several underclassmen led the team. The top swimmers were freshman Sandy Czekaj, sophomore, Jill Marimon, and juniors Jenna Cuppy and Gail

Czyzk.

According to Sharp, the "take-charge-attitude of the underclassmen" contributed greatly to the success of the team. He explained, "They really inspired the whole team to be successful." Everyone had a desire to be successful and win, and in order to try and achieve this success, the girls worked very hard, commented Sharp.

Every year one of Sharp's goals was to beat Chesterton. This goal wasn't reached in 1985, but the team kept getting closer and improving explained Sharp.

Because the team came a little closer to Chesterton each year, he was compelled to say that with the girls coming up next year, we should give them a "real run for the money."

Without a doubt, diving was the strongest and most experienced area of the team stated Sharp. He added that it has greatly improved since Bill Chappo, the new diving coach,

came to VHS. For the first time in five years, two divers, Kathleen Brady and Sarah Johnson qualified for state with Brady placing 14th. The freestyle relay team comprised of Michelle Douglas, Julie Hanson, Jill Marimon and Shannon Timmons also qualified for state. Czekaj qualified for the 500 freestyle.

One of the major highlights of the season was when Sarah Johnson broke the six point dive record and when Kathleen Brady broke the 11 point dive record according to Sharp. Both records were held for a number of years.

Four swimmers were recognized for their efforts by receiving individual awards. The MVP award was given to Czekaj. Douglas received the high point award; Kristin Mooney earned the mental attitude award, and the most improved award went to Cuppy.

— by Kevin McBride



HUNDRED METER BUTTERFLY swimmers, senior Julie Hanson and sophomore Kim Miller execute their entrance dive during the Munster meet.

SENIOR VERONICA VAS eyes the pool as she performs a forward dive half twist.





SENIOR LINDSEY POWELL displays excellent form on a back dive.

SOPHOMORE KRISTIN MOONEY concentrates intently on this forward dive half twist.



Girls' Swimming
Season Record: 9-4

M.C. Rogers	W
Hobart	W
S.B. Clay	L
Merrillville	W
Crown Point	L
Chesterton	L
LaPorte Diving Inv.	W
Portage	W
Munster	W
LaPorte	W
M.C. Elston	L
Highland	W
Rensselaer	W
DAC Meet	2nd
Sectionals	2nd



GIRLS' SWIM TEAM — Front Row: Manager Vicki Chester, Danielle Todosjevic, Kim Miller, Hillary White, Randi Erwin, Sarah Bernard. Manager Becky Rushnok. Second Row: Beth Ambelang, Shannon Timmons, Caty Bernardi, Julie Hanson, Michelle Douglas, Jenna Cuppy, Kris White, Leslie Haugh.

Third Row: Gail Cyzyk, Jenny Hall, Kim Turner, Pam Timmons, Sandy Czekaj, Ann Maertz, Ann Boguslawski, Jenny Hagestrom, Almee White. Fourth Row: Angie Francis, Jill Marimon. Back Row: Laura Hanson, Kristin Mooney, Lindsey Powell, Laurie Bell, Sara Johnson, Kathleen Brady, Veronica Vas.



SENIOR MAUREEN MURPHY'S concentration is evident as she tries to out-shoot her Chesterton counterpart in the Vike's home victory.

EYEING THE HOLE in preparation for a crucial putt is junior Paige McNulty.

DAC CONFERENCE MVP Stefanie Colby prepares to drive a fairway shot.



WATCHING THE FLIGHT of her chip shot from the rough is three-year letter winner Lindy Dorris. Dorris was one of the five graduating seniors.



11th Place Finish At State Meet.

Experience Key To Success

Achieving certain goals for a season is very important to any team, and it is often their measure of success or failure.

If meeting a season's goals makes a team successful, this year's girls' golf team was a great success. They met their three season goals by capturing the Duneland Conference, the Sectional, and Regional titles and they placed 11th at the state meet.

Compiling a 10-0 regular season record, Nancy Bender felt experience played a key part. "We had three seniors with three years of good experience prior to the season. Also, freshman Beth Kozlowski helped a great deal," Bender said. "Their leadership and

maturity helped a lot during the season," she added.

The four main golfers were Lindy Dorris, Maureen Murphy, Stefanie Colby, and Beth Kozlowski. Other returners were Sue Clifford, Katie Klepser and Paige McNulty.

Even though the girls won the Sectional and Regional, Bender noted that these were not the team's best scores of the year.

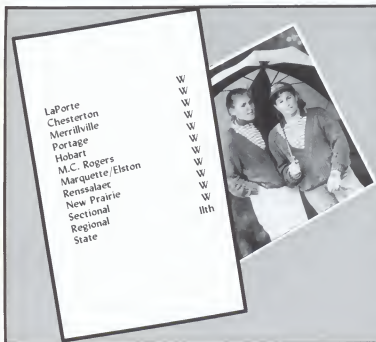
Throughout the year, the Vikes had some strong finishes. A key meet in which the Vikes won was against Michigan City Rogers for the Duneland Conference title. Both teams had to use a fifth player to break the tie, and the Vikes came out on top. LaPorte was

another tough conference opponent, but this year the conference was generally weaker, Bender said.

Pressure was a big factor in the team's postseason play. "We wanted to do so well, but this added pressure that worked against us, Bender noted. All-Conference honors went to Murphy and Colby, while Kozlowski received honorable mention.

Colby remarked, "In the regular season I think we did well, as for the Regionals and State, we could've done a lot better."

— Mike Barone



GIRLS GOLF TEAM Front Row: Beth Kozlowski, Sue Clifford, Stefanie Colby, Katie Klepser. Second Row: Lindy Dorris, Maureen Murphy, Paige

McNulty. Back Row: Coach Nancy Bender. The Lady Vikes placed 11th at the state competition.

Bench Plays Key Role

In order for any movie to be successful, it must have a strong supporting cast working together with the leading actors. Boys' varsity basketball coach Skip Collins compared the importance of a good bench to the significance of a supporting cast. "No matter how good the leading actor is, without a supporting cast, the movie can't be successful. If people on the bench can accept their role and play it as well as possible, the team succeeds," explained Collins.

In the midst of the media coverage on all-stars and record-breakers, people fail to realize that the total team effort is what makes an individual athlete great. "People on the bench have to be supportive and help the starters become better players," said senior basketball player Julie Fritz.

While the bench helps the starters perfect their game, individuals improve themselves as well. "I thought my place

was to help other people on the team improve. I didn't mind it because I improved my own game as well," noted Laura Geiss, member of the varsity tennis team.

Aside from just being supportive of the starters, a bench player must also be ready to come off the bench and contribute to the total team effort. "Besides pushing the starters in practice, the bench must be prepared to do whatever they are asked when the time comes," commented senior runner and basketball player Todd Wagenblast.

Depth, an invaluable attribute to any successful team, allows for teams to utilize players to their fullest potential, exemplifying individual strong points. "If you have a bench that is ready and eager to play, you're always going to have rested players on the court," said veteran girls' coach Dale Ciciora.

It is difficult for any competitive ath-

lete to realize he is not one of the best, but the ability to adjust to such realities is what allows teams to succeed. Ciciora considers it a gift to be able to perform well off the bench. "It takes a special kind of person to come off the bench," he stated.

"You can't blame the better people that are playing ahead of you for your position on the team. You've got to accept your role and improve," explained Greg Chester, senior basketball player.

Some competitors use this type of personal setback as a motivation to improve. "I use my role as a non-starter as a motivation to work harder and improve," noted Wagenblast.

In a society where movies are known for their leading actors, some people fail to realize that without a supporting cast, the production is literally impossible.

— Stephanie Wood





ALTHOUGH JUNIOR LOREN Huck, member of the state championship cross-country team, was not Valpo's top runner, his contributions proved invaluable to the team's success this fall.

WATCHING THEIR TEAMMATES intensely are Jill Bodensteiner, Rochelle Meyers, Suzi Boyer, Susie Johnson and Missi Crownover. Depth proved to be a strong asset for the Lady Vikes.



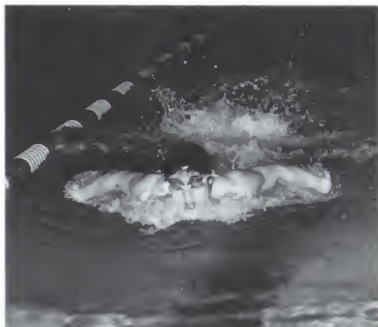
EXEMPLIFYING INDIVIDUAL STRONG points, Jody Susdorf, II, exchanges job responsibilities with Nealie Jones during a JV volleyball victory.



SECOND STRING QUARTERBACK John Tapp drops back to pass in Valpo's victory over MC Rogers. Tapp played behind senior record-holder Steve Letnich.

SENIOR TRI-CAPTAIN Drew Schenck begins his leg of the record-breaking 400 free relay. Along with Brian Benedict, Klaus Dahn and Greg Morton, Schenck took first place in that event at state.

MEMBERS OF THE diving team described by Coach Skip Bird as 'very solid,' Dave Doering and Dave Wordrich confer during a dual meet. Wordrich went on to compete at the state meet.



ALTHOUGH HE FINISHED first, second and third in freestyle events at state, junior Brian Benedict swims the 100 butterfly as he did occasionally according to strategic lineups planned by Coach Skip Bird.

JUNIOR JEFF ADNEY swims backstroke in the 400 medley relay. Senior Bart Benedict, sophomore Doug Klema and junior Burt Largura swam butterfly, freestyle and breaststroke to complete the team which qualified for state.



400 Relay Team Captures State

Senior tri-captain Bart Benedict effectively summarized the difference being a swimmer at Valparaiso High School can make in a person's life. "Do you know when it's seventh hour, and you're sitting in class looking out the window waiting for it to be 2:30 so you can go home? Well, you can't go home, you have to go to the pool." Not only did they put in hours after school, swimmers also arrived at 6:00 am for morning practices five times a week. Other examples of the rigors of swimming were brought up by another senior tri-captain, Greg Morton. "You can't eat sugar, you're tired and grumpy, and you have to go to bed early. Your Saturday is shot in practice, but you're so dead you don't want to do anything anyway." This all adds up to what junior Dusty Hamacher called "Five months of absolutely nothing but

swimming."

However, true dedication paid off for the Vikes as they posted an 11-1 season, won sectionals and finished in seventh place at state. Although they placed second to LaPorte at the DAC meet due to a bout with the flu, they defeated the Slicers at sectionals. Throughout most of the season, VHS was ranked second in dual meet strength in the state, but they would have liked a stronger finish at state. Coach Skip Bird explained, "Our times were right where we expected, but the top eight and top 16 in the state were the best they've ever been. We improved a lot, but so did everybody."

Part of their high initial ranking came from their strength in freestyle events, but Bird was pleased to see depth and total team strength develop as the season progressed. Eventually, 10 swim-

mers and one diver competed at state. At the Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis, junior Brian Benedict broke school records in the 50 free (21.39 seconds) and 100 free (46.72), and the 400 free relay team of Benedict, Klaus Dahn, Morton and Drew Schenck became state champions with a time of 3:11.46, also a school record. Benedict, Schenck (in the 50 and 100 free) and the relay team made All-American qualifying times.

Bird gave credit for the team's success to diving coach Bill Chappo and assistant coach Jim Sharp, but added that the team "maintained a tradition of willingness to work hard. Successful swimmers are among the hardest working athletes."

"After all," he continued, "they don't get a lot of glory for what they do. There's not quite the glamour associated with other sports."

In general, swimmers didn't mind the hard work and the negligible amounts of recognition. Most have been swimming since the age of 5 or 6, and some train year round. Senior tri-captain Schenck said, "I don't mind hard work. I work hard because I always feel better after I do. I'm doing it for myself."

Bart Benedict agreed, saying, "The people who really care are there at the meets." Seeing other benefits, Morton said he liked their relative anonymity. "When the basketball team does terrible, everyone knows," he explained.

In the final analysis, Schenck concluded, "Sometimes I thought about the millions of things I could have been doing instead of going to swim practice, but I always kept on swimming."

— Gina Fattore



BOYS' SWIM TEAM — Front Row: Dustin Hamacher, Bart Benedict, Greg Morton, Drew Schenck, Brian Benedict and Burt Lagura. Second Row: Jeff Hood, Steve Johnson, David Dold, Brett Nover, Jakob Olsen, Bernie Morgano, David Wodrich, Brian Volk, and Coach Skip Bird. Third Row: Diving coach Bill

Chappo, Willie Harbison, Jenny Hagstrom, Steve Warheit, Jeff Fischer, Todd Agnew, Jeff Adney, Jody Ilgenfritz and Jennifer Cuppy. Back Row: Joe Gerzema, Marc Ambelang, Mike Crowder, Andrew Dahlgren, Greg Sully, Klaus Dahn, Matt Krynski, and Doug Klemz.

Boys' Swimming
Season Record: 11-1

Munster
LaPorte
South Bend Adams
M.C. Rogers
Highland
Merrillville
Chesterton
Portage
Lake Central
DAC Meet
Crown Point
Hammond Noll
Sectionals
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SENIOR UTE BOWMAN concentrates intently on the basket before she nets two of her many point earned during the season. Bowman scored 784 points during her three-year career.

SENIOR CRIS NOVER skies to get the jump ball as teammates Susie Johnson and Ute Bowman try to anticipate the deflection.

After 10 Years As Coach Of Lady Vikes, Ciciora Retires

Capture Sectional Title

When Dale Ciciora started his coaching career, he dreamed of having successful teams. In 1986, his last year as coach, was no different as several team and individual records were broken.

The Lady Vikes finished the season with an 18-4 mark. They shared the DAC championship with Merrillville and went on to win the sectional by defeating arch-rival Chesterton. The girls eventually lost to North Judson in the regionals by one point. The 18 wins, posted this season were the second most victories ever by any VHS team.

In his last year as coach, Ciciora credited good shooting, both from the field and the charity stripe, toward the team's success. They shot 47 percent from the field. This mark set a new team record. "It's very amazing in girls' basketball to have that good of a shooting percentage from the field. No Valpo team has ever accomplished that," praised Ciciora.

Success was present with the team throughout the season. The Lady Vikes started

out quickly by winning their first six games. Ciciora stated that the team kept improving as the season progressed. The record reflected this statement. All of their losses were dispersed because there was never a losing streak. According to Ciciora, the goal was to get better. He stated, "I was very happy with the progress of the girls from game to game."

Although shooting and rebounding were the two strengths, no areas were weak. Ciciora commented that every position was above average. This strength could be attributed to the nine seniors of the team. Ciciora said, "Each senior helped the team in their own way."

In order to keep team unity, Ciciora conducted team prayer before practices and games. "The purpose of these prayers is to emphasize the shortness of careers. Friendships are for a lifetime and are very important," explained Ciciora.

Several players broke previous records by the end of the season. Ute Bowman broke

the career scoring mark of 776 points by scoring 784 points during her three-year career. She was also the top scorer with 358 points and topped the assist column with 77. Rochelle Meyers broke the career rebounding mark of 380 by grabbing 460 rebounds. Meyers netted 214 rebounds to earn second place on the all-time single season rebounding mark.

The JV girls' team compiled a 13-5 record. At the beginning of the season, Coach Dave Kenning didn't know if the sophomores and juniors would blend well together. He said, "This year's team had a larger than normal mixture of sophomores and juniors. They worked very well together, and I was pleased with the season."

Leading the team in assists with 66 was Jill Smith. Carolyn Miller beat out teammate Kaye Keller to earn the most points scored by netting 113 points while Keller contributed the most rebounds with 86.

— Kevin McBride

Consistency Plays Key Role In Viking Program

Valpo Wins Ninth Straight

To fall in a category with the New York Yankees, the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Boston Celtics is the goal of any competitive program. Capturing its ninth straight sectional title, the Valparaiso basketball program has more in common with the Celtics than team colors.

Valparaiso holds the second longest sectional string, trailing dominant Marion by four. However, the Vikings were defeated in first round regional play by Michigan City Rogers 65-53.

On the year, the team finished 18-6, 4-2 in the Duneland Conference. The conference losses were to LaPorte and M.C. Rogers, both ranked in the top 20 throughout the season.

Coach Skip Collins, completing his 10th year at Valpo, credited fine shooting, the majority by senior Mike Jones,

to the Vike's success. The team finished at a 53 percent mark while Jones shot 62 percent from the field.

Jones tallied 569 points in his final year allowing him to pass the 1,000 point mark. He closed out his career with 1,340 points, third on the all-time scoring list behind Roger and Rob Harden.

Aside from his honors within the Valpo program, Jones had been named to the All-Conference team three consecutive years. Collins attributes Jones' individual success to his fine shooting talent and good judgment. "Mike has good shooting skills and good judgment. Very seldom do those two things come in the same person," praised Collins.

Although Mike's talents appear one-dimensional, he also led the team in defense, finished third in rebounding and dished out 43 assists.

Leading the team in assists was junior point guard Rodney Harden, while senior Chad Fortune dominated the boards with fellow teammate Dean Moore. Fortune and Moore teamed up for 313 rebounds. Collins regarded his big men as possibly the best combination at Valpo. "The rebounding of Moore and Fortune gave us probably one of our strongest rebounding tandems," noted Collins.

Impressive statistics contribute to winning ball games; however, Collins is more interested in the intangibles. "Most of our goals were non-statistical. We tried to get along for five months and end the year same," he explained.

As the 1985-86 Vikings attempted to emulate the Celtics with flashy green court shoes, Valpo came closer to Boston then they realized.

— Stephanie Wood



CELEBRATING VALPO'S NINTH consecutive sectional championship are seniors Shawn Thomas, Neal Heffer-

nan, Brian Eaton, Mike Jones, Dean Moore, Todd Wagenblast, Chad Fortune and Greg Chester.

Boys' Varsity Basketball
Season Record, 18-6

	VHS	OPP
Boone Grove	56	40
Gary Roosevelt	53	45
Penn	57	52
Chesterton	59	45
Highland	60	50
Merrillville	57	54
Plymouth	54	53
M.C. Rogers	71	68
M.C. Elston	48	62
Chesterton	74	53
Kankakee Valley	69	51
LaPorte	58	62
M.C. Rogers	66	68
Lafayette	67	75
Portage	62	54
Munster	84	44
Hobart	64	52
Hammond Gavit	67	59
Logansport	48	57
North Judson	75	73
SECTIONALS		
Chesterton	52	29
Morgan	58	45
Hobart	54	42
REGIONALS		
M.C. Rogers	53	65





SENIOR SHARP-SHOOTER MIKE Jones attempts to sink two of his 569 points. Receiving All-Conference honors three consecutive years, Jones proved to be an invaluable asset to the Valpo program.

PASSING THE BALL to fellow teammate Chad Fortune is senior Shawn Thomas. Serving primarily as a defensive player, Thomas finished plus 16 in that category.



RECEIVING PRE-GAME ENCOURAGEMENT from teammates Rodny Harden and Brian Eaton, center Dean Moore displays a look of determination. Moore started 23 games for the Fikes this season.

FINISHING A DRIVE through the middle, junior point guard Rodny Harden eyes the basket in preparation for the shot. Harden led the team with 79 assists.



PULLING DOWN ONE of his 164 rebounds is forward Chad Fortune. The senior teamed up with Dean Moore to give Valpo one of its best rebounding tandems.

JV/Sophs Play To Potential, Have Successful Seasons

Teamwork Pays Off

When a group of people get together to work on a project, the key word in accomplishing that task is togetherness. As in all sports, winning is the project to be accomplished. The groups of people involved here were the JV and sophomore teams who through team effort achieved their goals of winning.

The JV team didn't just have one outstanding player, but a sound team with many individuals standing out in different areas of play and ability.

According to Coach Bob Punter, the JV basketball team's major strengths included overall quickness and shooting ability. As a team the Vikings shot 52 percent from the field and 64 percent from the freethrow line.

Compiling a 15-5 season record, the players' highlights

included beating Michigan City Rogers twice and capturing the JV tourney.

"Overall, I thought we had a good season," commented Punter. "We played above and beyond our abilities."

Leading the team in both rebounding and scoring was sophomore Jeff Anselm. Bill Ferngren dished out 82 assists to lead the team while Dan Rice had the best field goal percentage of 67 percent and the best freethrow of 77 percent.

The sophomore team's project was also to win and according to Coach Lew Rhinehart was a total team effort.

The sophomore Vikings ended their season by being 11-3 marking the second best sophomore record in Valpo history. Credited to the team's success was its defense which also set a school

record by allowing their opponents only 29.9 points average per game.

Rhinehart was very pleased that the team had steadily improved throughout the season. "We played very well throughout the season and over our last five games we had very good to excellent performances by all 10 of our players," he said.

Sophomore Matt Harrington received the trophy for having the best freethrow percentage of 77 and also was leader in assists. Brad Cavanaugh took honors for having the most rebounds while Bob Risk racked-up the most points.

In all sports a team is present; however, it is the team effort that is sometimes lacking. But that was not true for these two Valpo teams.

— Katie Hofferth

JUNIOR CRAIG MEYERS fights for possession by lunging for a loose ball with a Hobart opponent. The JV team beat Hobart 60-37.

SOPHOMORE JASON DERUCKI fully exerts himself by pulling down a defensive rebound against Morgan Township. The sophomore team was victorious by defeating Morgan 51-50.



SENIOR SHEILA MILLER twists in the air as she completes a vault.

SOPHOMORE MISSY MASSA concentrates on her form as she performs on the balance beam.



GYMNASTICS TEAM — Front Row: Sheila Miller, Kristi Vendl, Diane Smith, Jennifer Stout, Laura Hanson. Second Row: Melissa Massa, Kathleen Brady, Kim Allen, Lisa McLean and Kristen Casbon. Back Row: Becky Jergins, Sarah Johnson, Traci Zoladz, Dawn Demann, Coach Lori Cook.

GIRLS' GYMNASTICS Season Record 7-2

M.C. Rogers	W
Munster	W
LaPorte	W
Hobart	L
Chesterton	W
Highland	L
Portage	W
Merrillville	L
DAC Meet	2nd
M.C. Elston	W
Regionals	2nd



Young Vikes Work Hard

Raw talent may help an athlete to an extent however, according to girls' gymnastics coach Lorie Cook, hard work was the price the gymnasts had to pay for victory.

The 1985-'86 team, composed mainly of underclassmen and two seniors, paid that price and came up with a winning season. The varsity posted a 7-2 mark, while the JV ended the year at 8-1.

Behind the leadership of sophomore Jennifer Stout and junior Dawn DeMan, the Lady Vikes finished third in the Duneland Conference and

placed first at sectionals, qualifying for the regional meet.

"Our 1-2-3 win in the balance beam, especially under pressure, helped us reach our peak," explained Cook.

Cook also stated that DeMan and Stout were qualifiers for the state meet.

Returning only two seniors in '85, leadership and experience looked to be the Vikings' weak points. The underclassmen met this challenge and carried the team to its success.

Inexperience plays a major

role in the effect of some team's destiny, but age was no factor for Cook's squad. "After you're a freshman, if you can't cut it by then, then you probably won't be able to cut it later on," said Cook of her young team.

Although only two individuals qualified for the state meet, Cook was "excited" about the team's 8th ranking in the state.

Raw talent is important in all athletics, but hard work is what paid dividends for the Valparaiso gymnasts.

— Justin Gericke

SOPHOMORE KATHLEEN BRADY practices her beam routine concentrating on balance and perfect form.



THE VHS GIRLS' Gymnastics team patiently awaits the start of competition.

JUNIOR DAWN DEMANN and sophomore Missy Massa join the wrestlers for a pre-season workout.



STATE-QUALIFIER MARSHALL Mundt racks up another victory. The senior completed the season with an overall record of 33-6.



Hard Work Replaces Lack Of Talent . . .

Burbee Captures State

When raw talent is absent in a team, hard work and dedication must take over if the team intends to be successful.

According to wrestling coach John Cook, the team depended on hard work. Aside from tying the second best season record in VHS history of 15-3, the Vikes finished the year ranked 14th in the state. The team also won sectionals and advanced 10 matsmen to regionals, four to semi-state and two to the state meet. Senior Tim Burbee brought home the individual 145-pound state crown.

Cook summed up the season with one word, successful. "The wrestlers were pretty team-oriented which is unusual for such an individual sport," he noted.

Cook also thought the senior leadership was invaluable and helped the team considerably.

Consistency was a major factor in the team's success. However, inexperience in the upper-middle weights proved to be a weakness.

Key wrestlers were seniors Burbee, Marshall Mundt, and Dave Wickersham. Mundt ac-

quired a 33-6 record and qualified for the state meet. Wickersham compiled a 33-3 record and made it to the semi-state.

The highlight of the season came in the post-season tournament. Burbee, who posted a 41-1 record, won the state championship at 145 lb. He also captured sectional, regional, and semi-state crowns.

The junior varsity team finished the year with an outstanding record, matching the varsity at 15-3.

— Mike Barone



VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM — Front Row: Steve Beiser, Tim Burbee, Troy Zulich, Jim Williams, and Marc Hamacher. Second Row: Tom Burbee, Mark Marcinkowski, Tony Caprous, Mark Stanczak and Dave Wickersham. Back Row: Tom Bartelmo, Marshall Mundt, Rod Standiford, Bill Young and D.J. Seramur.



JV WRESTLING TEAM — Front Row: Bob Shilander, Duke Smaroff, John Walsh, Scott Ellsworth, Dan Carrell, Scott Armstrong, and Chris Cole. Second Row: Dave Deller, Jason Mack, Dave Rice, Jeff Daxe, Curtis Gear and Dave Doelling. Back Row: Mike Tipton, Al Federman, Kevin Mack, Fred McLain, Troy Ferguson, Andy Johann and Randy Kerns.

Wrestling
Season Record: 15-3

Munster	W
Penn	L
Highland	W
Hammond Noll	W
Chesterton	W
Gary Roosevelt	W
Portage	W
Lowell	W
Andrean	W
Crown Point	L
E.C. Roosevelt	W
North Newton	W
Hammond High	W
Goshen	W
LaPorte	W
Hobart	W
M.C. Rogers	W
Merrillville	L





VARSITY HEAVYWEIGHT DAVE Wickersham prepares to turn over LaPorte's Dan Dipert. Wickersham won the match, advanced to semi-state and compiled a 33-3 overall record.

VALPO'S FIRST STATE champion since 1963, Tim Burbee puts his LaPorte opponent in a spiral. Burbee acquired a 41-1 season record capturing the 145-lb. weight class state title.



SOPHOMORE MARC HAMACHER prepares to turn his Portage opponent over during their match. The second-year letterman wrestled in the 132-lb. weight class.

SENIOR 185 lb. MARK Stanczak dominates his LaPorte opponent in the Duneland Conference meet. The Vikes went 5-4 in the conference.

Vikes Fall One Run Shy

CONCENTRATING INTENTLY on the batter, senior pitcher Michelle Crownover prepares to release her fastball. The Vikes failed to rally behind Crownover, losing to conference foe LaPorte, 7-6.



In Gurnee, Ill. there is a popular rollercoaster ride called the Great American Eagle. It is a wooden rollercoaster that climbs a huge hill and then suddenly drops several hundred feet. In Valparaiso there was a softball team that played their season like this rollercoaster ride.

The softball team finished with a 12-11 record. Against DAC opponents, they were 5-7 and finished in fourth place in the conference for the second straight year. The team captured a second place finish in the Chesterton sectional.

According to third-year coach Todd Bennethum, the '86 season had many highlights. The team defeated Chesterton twice with the latter coming in the semifinals of the Chesterton sectional. Beating Crown Point, a 1985 state finalist, at the beginning of the season was a great motivational tool for the rest of the season, explained Bennethum. "That win was the best way to open the new season. It gave our players a lot of

confidence," he said.

Although the team had many highlights, they also had many opportunities to win games in which they didn't. This weakness could be attributed to the team's inexperience, explained Bennethum. "We had a very young team. Seven players were either freshman or sophomores," he said. They lost seven of the 11 games by a margin of two runs or less. "The young kids don't know what it takes to win close ballgames because they haven't been there before," Bennethum stated.

Many areas of the team improved greatly during the year. Pitching was a pleasant surprise and defense was strong. First-year pitcher Lynnea Cole struck out 100 batters in 93 innings. This compelled Bennethum to tell his players that "offense wins games, defense wins championships." Many of the players never played their respective positions before.

The team possessed a great amount of enthusiasm and a

"super" mental attitude. Bennethum explained that each player helped carry one another since the team had great bench support. Bennethum commented that the seniors pulled the younger ones through and gave them "a taste" of what it is going to be like next year.

Several players assumed leadership roles. Senior Stephanie Wood was the team leader by example because she possessed strong physical and mental characteristics, praised Bennethum. He also commented that sophomore Traci Leveritt's shortstop play, senior Julie Fritz's defense, and freshman Dawn Shalapsik's center field play and offensive production played key roles in the Vikes' success.

The Most Valuable Player Award and the Batting Champion award (with a .493 average) went to Wood. The Most Improved Player was Cole and Michelle Crownover received the Mental Attitude Award.

— Kevin McBride



COACH TODD BENNETHUM anxiously looks on as senior Nancy Ducat is tagged out at home by LaPorte's Lisa Avery.

SOPHOMORE SHORTSTOP TRACI Leveritt lines a shot into center field for a base hit. The shortstop provided the Vikes with speed on the base path.





IN A FUTILE attempt to prevent LaPorte from scoring, senior Stephanie Wood takes the throw from teammate Diana Maniak.

FIGHTING OFF AN inside pitch is senior outfielder Diana Maniak. Maniak played various outfield positions for the Lady Vikes.



SOFTBALL Season Record: 12-11

	VHS	OPP
Crown Point	9	4
M.C. Marquette	18	0
M.C. Rogers	3	8
LaPorte	3	8
Penn	11/8	9/9
Andean	15	11
Hobart	11	3
Portage	4	5
Lowell	12/16	10/17
Chesterton	2	1
Merrillville	7	18
M.C. Rogers	3	0
LaPorte	6	3
E.C. Washington	11	1
Highland	1	10
Hobart	4	5
Chesterton	3	4
Portage	5	4
Merrillville	3	5
SECTIONALS		
Chesterton	3	2
Portage	1	2



SOFTBALL TEAM: Front Row — Lynnea Cole, Tina Hensel, Traci Leveritt, Carrie Buck, Michelle Crownover, Jody Susdorf. Second Row — Chris Woods, Jenny Higbie, Renee Richeson, Leanne Thomas, Julie

Fritz, Diana Maniak, Pam Betz, Jean Carter. Back Row — Coach Todd Bennethum, Dawn Shalapsik, Nancy Ducat, Janet Fuller, Jennifer Cole, Stephanie Wood, Shelle Marrs, Jennifer Barker, Coach Nancy Brown.

Vikes Hit With "Pleasant Surprise"

Pitching Was Strong

CATCHER JOHN PISHKUR takes-off running in anticipation of a tag-out after a bunt-hit. Pishkur was one of the top defensive players for the team.



It is all those little extras that pop-up here and there that makes life a lot easier and much better. That was what Coach Pat Murphy thought when a "pleasant surprise" happened with the baseball pitching staff.

"The pitching was a lot better than we anticipated. It was a pleasant surprise for all of us," commented Murphy. The Vikes had lost its top four pitchers who graduated but had no qualms with seniors Brian Eaton, Joe Baldwin, and juniors Mike Cook and Dan Eichmier to step in the bull-pen and to take charge.

Leading the team offensively all year was Baldwin, Cook, Eichmier and Greg Walls. Defensively both John Pishkur and Bob Porter proved to be at the top.

Highlights of the season included the level of competitiveness in the DAC. "We lost five one-run games to teams in the DAC," stated Murphy. "Having such a tough regular season schedule helps to prepare us for the state tournament."

Murphy attributed the success of the baseball team to the combined efforts in coaching with Coach Biff Geiss. "Two heads are better than one. It is healthy to confide in one another and it gives us a more honest look as to what's going on." 1986 was their eighth time together as Varsity level coaches.

The Vikings ended the regular season 13-16 and overall 1-8 in the DAC.

Team morale was provided through the senior leadership

of both Walls and Eaton.

The J.V. team ended its season compiling a 13-6 record, 7-5 in the DAC. Since LaPorte has always been a great rival for any team, it was a high-light to beat them.

Coach Zane Cole was very complimentary in his young Vikes commenting, "This year's team was one of the best talented teams I've had. Several ball players hit above 300. They will add a great deal to the varsity squad with their fielding and hitting."

Individual awards were given to Bill Fitzpatrick for being the Most Valuable Offensive player, and the Most Valuable Defensive player was Phil Rettinger.

— Katie Hofferth



VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM — Front Row: Mike Cook, Greg Walls, Jeff Williamson, Mitch Marcus, Dan Eichmier. Second Row: Paul Stratton, Bob Porter, Joe Baldwin, Tim Collins.

Chris Page, John Pishkur. Back Row: Coach Biff Geiss, Dan Murphy, Jack Hines, Brian Eaton, Jim Tudor, Craig Meyers, and Coach Pat Murphy.



JV BASEBALL TEAM — FRONT Row: Rob Stridwirda, Bernie Grabrowski, Chris Miller, Doug Walls, Kevin Hughes, Bob Magnetti. Back Row:

Coach Zane Cole, Lee Petcu, Bill Fitzpatrick, Paul Wainman, Phil Rettinger, Shane West, Mark Sunwall, Frank Mallion.

VARSITY BASEBALL Season Record: 13-16

Whiting	W
Hammond Noll	L
South Central	L/L
Crown Point	L
MC Rogers	W
LaPorte	L
MC Marquette	W/W
Lowell	W
Hobart	L
Portage	W
Gary Roosevelt	W
Chesterton	L
Merrillville	L
EC Roosevelt	W/W
MC Rogers	L
LaPorte	L
Lake Station	W
Hobart	W
Portage	L
Chesterton	L
North Judson	L
Merrillville	L
Kankakee Valley	L
Highland	L
Hammond Clark	W
Kankakee Valley	W
Sectionals	W
North Judson	W
Wheeler	L

JV BASEBALL Season Record: 13-6

MC Rogers	W
Lowell	W
LaPorte	L
Hobart	W/W
Lake Station	W/W
Chesterton	L
Merrillville	W
Munster	W/W
MC Rogers	W
LaPorte	W
Hobart	L
Portage	L
Crown Point	W/L
Crown Point	W/L
Chesterton	L
Merrillville	W
Boone Grove	W



SENIOR GREG WALLS safely slides into third base. Walls proved to be an offensive asset for the Vikes.

JUNIOR MIKE COOK winds-up for the pitch as he prepares to throw a fast ball. Cook was the winning pitcher three games in 1986.

DAN EICHMEIER EYES the pitch ready to hit the incoming ball.



Vikes Capture Crown

After struggling through untimely illness and ineligibility, the 1985-86 girls' track team ended up with a 5-3 record and a state qualifier to boot.

Assistant coach Debbie Fray spoke of the team as displaying "fine individual effort." She added, "All throughout the season, illness hit us at critical times, but we pulled together for a strong finish at conference and even to regionals."

The team had seven qualifiers for regionals. Michele Bishop, Missy Faber, Suzanne Folke, Laura Hartwig, Lisa Henderson, Meghan Martin and Rochelle Meyers competed in that meet. In addition, Valpo was represented at the

state meet by Susie Folke, who qualified in the 300 hurdles.

"Not necessarily solid victories, but team depth, added to the team's attributes. Being strong in both track and field events helped them pound over opponents," added Coach Fray. Utilizing the strength of the underclassmen in all areas brought out that depth in the team. "Maybe not winning, but bringing in good second and third places meant that a solid team for every event went to sectionals this year," she stated.

Honors were awarded at a post-season banquet. Laura Hartwig was top track; Michele Bishop was top field. Lisa Henderson won Most Im-

proved. The Mental Attitude Award winner was Missy Faber, and MVP honors went to Susie Folke. In addition, Bishop, Folke and Meyers took firsts at the DAC meet and were, therefore, named to the All-Conference team.

However, illness grabbed the team by the throat and left many possible victories behind as losses. Coach Fray concluded, "The three losses during the season could have probably been victories had it not been for illness striking us down."

— Justin Gericke



GIRLS' TRACK Season Record: 7-3

M.C. Rogers	W
Portage	W
Chesterton	L
LaPorte	L
Merrillville	W
Highland	W
Hobart	L
Crown Point	W
DAC Meet	1st
Sectionals	1st





JUNIOR SUSIE FOLKE breezes over a hurdle and continues her lead as seniors Paula Doelling and Laura Hartwig are in pursuit. The team MVP was the only member to qualify for state.

JUNIOR LORI SIER barely clears the mark as she high jumps successfully over the bar.

ALL-CONFERENCE SENIOR Michele Bishop watches intently as her shot put sails through the air. Bishop won the DAC meet and finished 1st in sectionals in the discus.



FRAN WILSON, SENIOR, LEAPS into the air stretching his body to obtain maximum distance in the long jump. Wilson was also the team's top pole vaulter.

JUNIOR DAN SPENCER exemplifies good form while throwing the shot putt in this home duel against Grifith.



BOYS' TRACK Season Record: 9-0 Indoor Season

	VHS
Lake Central Relays	1st
Thunderbird Invitational	1st
Trailblazer Relays	1st
Outdoor Season	
M.C. Rogers	W
Portage	W
Chesterton	W
LaPorte	W
Merrillville	W
Brave Relays	1st
Griffith	W
Hobart	W
Lew Wallace	W
Valpo Relays	1st
DAC Meet	1st
Sectionals	1st
Regionals	
State	



BOYS' TRACK TEAM — Front Row: Rob Mahoney, Rich Aytes, John Hruska, Cliff Mallings, Scott Perez, Dion Jones, Chris Bass, Nat Keammerer, Jim Arnold, Loren Huck, Brett Polizotto, Mike Dagget. Second row: Mark Belde, Brent Morrison, Rusty Johnson, Rich Choate, Kevin Jones, Alan Brandy, Teal Volk, A.J. Fattore, Steve Mueller, Matt Kush, Rusty Goodwin, Bob Morrison.

Dave Evans, Scott Corneli, Mike Neis, Todd Wagenblast, Pat Rooney, Back Row: Pete Reggie, Coach Mark Hoffman, Scott Bihlman, Steve Brown, Dan Rice, Bryan Benke, Mike Barone, Brian Davis, Jeff Nivells, Ken Bafrell, Mark Zeigert, Frank Wilson, Matt Utterback, Matt Morris, Darin Kuchae, Van Evanoff, Ray DePalma, Coach Mark Knauff, Coach Sam Rasmussen.



SENIOR B.J. DICK lunges out of the starting blocks along with junior Darin Kuchaes in the 100-meter dash. Dick was named MVP of the team.

BOB MORRISON EYES the finish line being only steps away from winning the 400-meter dash.



Undefeated For Three Consecutive Years

Vikings Dominate DAC, Relays

The hardest part of being at the top is staying at the top. However, the boys' track team made being the best look rather easy.

Since 1983 the Vikes went undefeated in the regular season compiling 80 consecutive wins and zero losses marking the most in the history of Valpo. Since 1959 when the first Valpo Relays began, Valpo is the first to have won four years in a row. In addition, it was both the third consecutive DAC and Sectional titles for the Vikings.

"It is going to be hard and a long time for anyone to accomplish what they have accomplished," commented Coach Sam Rasmussen.

Although the team had no one definite team leader they did have many great competitors according to Rasmussen. "The team was pretty tough straight through in all events all season long," said Rasmussen.

As a team they achieved all their goals such as winning the DAC, Sectionals, and the Valpo Relays. The Vikes went on to place 6th at Regionals and 26th at State. Individual qualifiers included, Scott Corneil in pole vault, Brett Polizotto in the 3,200m, Todd Wagenblast in the 1,600m, and Frank Wilson in the pole vault. Polizotto earned a third place ribbon in his respective race.

Other individual achieve-

ments were records set in both the 300m low and 100m high hurdles by senior Pat Rooney. Freshman Rich Choate set a school record in the freshman 400m dash.

Senior B.J. Dick proved to play an essential role in the Vikings success. Dick participated in the 100m and 200m dashes, the 400m relay and also long jumped. His value to the team was recognized as he was named the Most Outstanding Runner, the Most Outstanding in Field Events, and finally the Most Valuable Player.

Steve Mueller received Mental Attitude Award and Choate was given the Freshman Award.

"I never felt like we ever reached our potential, yet we were undefeated. You just can't knock what this team has done!" stated Rasmussen.

Along with the end of the '86 track season came the end of Sam Rasmussen's term as head track coach. Though he ended his time with the team, he saw Valpo remaining at the top for years to come.

The challenge for the Vikes now was to continue to be the best.

— Katie Hofferth

Second Year Team Proves Itself

Beats Chesterton Once

JUNIOR STEVE BEISER shields the ball from a Chesterton player. The Vikings defeated Chesterton 4-0 early in the season but lost at home 1-0 in the final game of the season.



When something new is started, its initial success can determine its continuation into later years. In only the second year of the program, the Valparaiso High School soccer team has proved itself and virtually insured the future success of soccer at VHS. Improving their 1985 record, 3-7, to 5-6, they met all of their preseason expectations.

One major advantage was the 10 returners from the 1985 team, and only one of those 10 was a senior. Coach Italo Ivaldi felt that these players became more cohesive and more able to work together. "We had a bunch of individuals, last year

but our players pulled together and played well as a team," Ivaldi noted. Junior forward Jason Freitag explained, "To win we found out we can't all be superstars. If the shot's not there, we don't take it."

Another of the Vikings strong points throughout the year was a fast forward midfield which helped to compensate for a shaky defense at the beginning of the season. However, as the players improved, defense became less and less of a weak point.

Individually, Ivaldi felt the players increased their skill levels. Practicing skills such as deep passing helped the team

utilize their forward speed. Overall, he stressed, they played consistently throughout the season, and he said he was satisfied with the improvements made over the previous year.

Post-season awards were given to four players. Freitag received Most Improved; Mark Ambelang was named Best Defender; Most Goals and Most Outstanding went to Matt Harrington, and Most Valuable Player was awarded to Clayton Pullins.

— Mike Barone



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER Clayton Pullins goes for the ball despite the menacing presence of a Chesterton opponent.



BOYS' SOCCER TEAM — Front Row: Jeff Sensenbaugh, Scott Hof-tiezzer, Dirk Chilian, Moses Munoz, Chris Kanagy, Jason Jewell. Second Row: Andy Johann, Marc Ha-

macher, Jason Freitag, Clayton Pullins, Justin Gerick, Steve Beiser. Back Row: Coach Ivaldi, Jakob Olsen, Drew Schenck, Mark Ambelang and Dusty Hamacher.



BOY'S SOCCER
Season record: 5-6

Hammond Morton	L
Chesterton	W
Munster	L
Lew Wallace	W
Highland	W
Lake Central	L
Griffith	W
Andean	L
Merrillville	W
Portage	L
Chesterton	L



LEADING SCORER MATT Harrington steals the ball away from his Andean opponent in a game the Vikes lost 3-0. Only a sophomore, Harrington was selected the team's Most Outstanding Player.

JUNIOR GOALIE JEFF Sensenbaugh knocks a shot away from the goal. In his first year as starting goalie, Sensenbaugh recorded three shutouts.



IN THE FINAL game of the season against Chesterton, second-year team member Jason Freitag controls the ball in midfield. The junior forward was named Most Improved.

DURING A HOME game against Andean, the Vikes congregate at the goal mouth to defend against a corner kick.

Lady Vikes Upser LaPorte, Take Portage Sectional

Experience Propels Team

Being the underdog isn't always the ideal role for a team. This role proved to be a motivational tool for the 1986 girls' varsity tennis team and was gladly accepted. During the season, it turned out in their favor.

Under the direction of Coach Tim Shideler, they posted a 16-3 record by beating conference "powerhouses" such as Merrillville and LaPorte. In the Portage Sectional, the girls overcame LaPorte, the DAC champions, with a 3-2 win and captured the sectional title. The Lady Vikes came in third place in the DAC behind LaPorte and Merrillville.

Shideler felt the team possessed a lot of experience and

talent. "Almost every player had some previous varsity experience from last year. This put us at an advantage at the beginning of the season and continued throughout the season," he said. According to Shideler, the team responded to pressure very well. This could be attributed to the fact that six of the seven players had previous varsity experience.

The two doubles teams were an integral part of the strength and success of the team stated Shideler. "They really played well throughout the entire season and helped carry the team," he reiterated. Shideler also said that the doubles team's consistency was a "pleasant surprise." The

first doubles team consisted of Natalie Cavanaugh and Kelly Zimmerman and the second doubles team was comprised of Amy Gold and Maureen Murphy. In addition to the doubles teams, Shideler commented that second singles player Sharon Dorris was a big key to their success.

Winning the Portage Sectional and beating DAC foe Merrillville highlighted the season. The win over Merrillville gave the Lady Vikes a third place finish instead of a fourth place finish in the DAC. Shideler commented, "It was a real boost for our girls. After that match, the girls seemed to gain more confidence in themselves."

— Kevin McBride



GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS TEAM — Front Row: Sharon Dorris, Heather Mallett, Natalie Cavanaugh, Back Row: Coach Tim Shideler, Amy Gold, Kelly Zimmerman, Maureen Murphy, Melissa Eddy.



GIRLS' JV TENNIS TEAM — Front Row: Karen Reynolds, Marie Macapagal, Trish Landstrom, Jeanne Kim, Back Row: Coach Cheryl Younger, Melissa Conde, Karen Carichoff, Kim Wright, Cindy Haughton, Kristy Hager.

GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS Season Record: 16-3

VHS		J.V. GIRLS' TENNIS Season Record: 11-2	
Lowell	W		VHS
Griffith	W		W
Crown Point	W		W
Andean	W		L
Lake Central	W	Lowell	W
Calumet	W	Griffith	W
M.C. Rogers	W	Crown Point	W
Highland	W	Andean	L
Portage	L	Lake Central	W
Culver	W	Calumet	W
LaPorte	L	Highland	W
Knox	W	Portage	W
Merrillville	W	Culver	L
Hobart	W	Michigan City	W
Chesterton	W	LaPorte	W
Sectionals	W	Hobart	W
Wheeler	W	Chesterton	W
MC Elston	W		
LaPorte	W		
Regionals			
Merrillville	L		



FIRST DOUBLES PLAYER Natalie Cavanaugh stretches across the court in order to reach a baseline return.

SOPHOMORE HEATHER MALLET displays perfect form and concentration as she returns a backhand shot. Heather played both varsity and junior varsity tennis.



SOPHOMORE SINGERS PLAYER, Sharon Dorris, leans into a forehand. The Lady Vikes won the Portage Sectional and finished with a 16-3 record.



THIRD YEAR VARSITY team member Melissa Eddy concentrates intently as she makes contact. Melissa played at the first singles position the entire season.

SENIOR RICH KRATZENBERG lines up a putt. Besides winning his third varsity letter, he had the low 9-hole score of 35.

WITH INTENSE CONCENTRATION, two-time letter winner sophomore Bob Risk anxiously awaits the outcome of his putt.

MVP DAN FRYE retains his follow-through position while eyeing his putt. His other honors include 2nd at the Rensselaer Invitational.



In An Up And Down Season, Vikings Threaten

When ABC's Wide World of Sports opens its show with the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat, pictures of graceful ice skaters and gymnasts, Olympic medal winners, and death-defying ski jumpers fly across the screen. However, the sport of golf is not usually one associated with the fast-paced, dramatic sports like bob sledding and cross-country motorcycle racing glorified in that show's credits.

Nevertheless, the boys' golf team proved that the real drama in sports is not reserved for Olympic years only.

After advancing to regionals with a second place finish at sectionals, the team came within a razor's edge of qualifying for state. Tied for fifth

at the meet's finish, the Vikes lost going to their fifth man's score.

Although they ended up sixth (the top five go to state), two-year letter winner junior Dan Frye explained, "We were competing against the top teams in the state, and we didn't even expect to come close."

After the heartbreaker, the story gets better. Chesterton, Portage and Valpo all ran up 8-2 record in the Duneland Conference. However, for the last DAC meet of the season, a tri-meet between those three teams was scheduled. Beating both teams, the Vikes captured the DAC championship.

Key golfers for the team were Dan Frye, Rich Kratzen-

berg, and Bob Risk. Second on the all-conference team, Frye was also named the team MVP and had the low 18 hole score with a 76. Kratzenberg was fourth on the all-conference team and won the low nine hole trophy with a 35. In addition, Risk was fifth on the all-conference team. Junior Bill Ferngren came in first in the JV tournament with a 77.

Even though the Vikes experienced the agony of defeat to end their season, Frye said, "The team did better than was expected. After all, we beat our top rival Chesterton three times." For Valpo sports fans beating Chesterton only once was sometimes enough to make a season.

— Gina Fattore



AFTER SLICING INTO the rough, Bill Ferngren attempts to hit out of trouble. Ferngren won the Vikes JV tournament.



BOYS' GOLF TEAM — Front Row: Alex Brickley, Bill Ferngren, Chip Martin, Bob Risk, Paul Ventura, Dan Frye. Back Row: Jim Fisk, Lance

Lemon, Daenen Badie, Jeff Whalen, Todd Price, Tom Zimmerman, Rich Kratzenberg and Coach Bob Cain.



BOY'S GOLF Season Record: 14-7

Chesterton/ MC ELSTON	W/L
Merrillville/ MC Rogers	L/W
Chesterton/ Hobart	W/W
Hobart/ MC Rogers	W/W
MC Marquette	L
Portage/ LaPorte	W/W
LaPorte/ Merrillville	L/W
MC Marquette	L
Rensselaer Inv.	2nd
Munster	L
Portage/ Chesterton	W/W
Boone Grove	W
LaPorte Inv.	12th
Andean	W
Boone Grove	W
Lake Central Inv.	6th
MC Elston	L
Sectionals	2nd
Regionals	6th

Support Of Athletes

"PERFORMING THE PRE-GAME routine at a home varsity football game is sophomore Vikette Carol Worden. The vikettes were responsible for pre-game and halftime shows at all football and basketball games.



To compare the work of an athlete to that of a cheerleader or Vikette seemed to be an act of futility to most. However, the cheerleaders and Vikettes had one thing in common with VHS athletes: both performed to show the crowd their talents for the sake of entertainment.

Performing the pre-game and halftime routines at home football and basketball games, the Vikettes had an opportunity to show diversified talents in dancing, rhythm and coordination.

Dancing ability, showmanship and technique were prerequisites for Vikettes, but many hours of hard work was needed to perfect these routines. Vikette sponsor Jan Sutton explained, "Once the squad is chosen, we practice all summer and Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the year." Aside from outside practice, the Vikettes also had

an hour class during the school day.

Designing the majority of the beginning routines, Sutton passed the responsibility of further routines on to squad leaders and those interested in choreography. Many routine ideas came from the summer camp the Vikettes attended at DePauw University. The camp was not required but highly recommended by Sutton. "The girls didn't have to go to camp, but it was a vital part of learning. Many of the ideas for the new routines began there."

Instead of creating new dance routines, VHS cheerleaders were faced with trying to invent novel approaches to fan support. In this attempt, new cheers were created and practiced, hoping to arouse a sleeping student body. New cheers never quite did the trick though. The old simple one's got the crowd involved.

"We tried new cheers to get the crowd involved, but most fans preferred old cheers like "We are Valpo," said senior cheerleader Cassie Tucker.

Like the Vikettes, the cheerleading squad attended a summer camp to learn the latest in crowd motivation. Aside from the basic cheers, the girls worked on pyramids and other eye-catching stunts.

In addition to their responsibilities at football and basketball games, the cheerleaders also attempted to maintain school spirit and inspire the athletes.

Although the work of the cheerleaders and Vikettes was very different from that of a VHS athlete, they all strived toward a common goal: satisfying the wants and needs of the public.

— Stephanie Wood



EXPRESSING THEIR SUPPORT of the Viking football team, senior cheerleaders Elise Daxe and Cassie Tucker show the photographer that Valpo is No. 1.

VIKETTES BRITT SHARP, Lara Condie, Dee Peters and Susan Roberts demonstrate their rhythm and coordination at a half-time performance.





SENIOR BRITT SHARP, junior Stacey Carmona and sophomore Sarah Andrews entertain the crowd at halftime of a boys home game. The Vikettes did a routine to "Spish Splash."



SENIOR MICHELLE CROWNOVER cheers on the varsity basketball team at a home game. The cheerleaders were responsible for involving the student body in fan support.



CHEERLEADERS JEFF LEFFEW, Mike Neis, Tom McDermott, Joe Pekarek, Kathy Briggs, Michele Crownover, Jenny Broadhurst and Missy Leetz construct a pyramid at a time out during a Valpo victory.

Clubhouse

On a team, athletes learn to work together as a matter of necessity. No pitcher wins a well-pitched game if his team does not produce runs; a quarterback is nothing without an offensive line. Thus, even if they are not the best of friends away from the game, professional athletes support and respect each other through long seasons of road trips, and overtimes. In order to be successful as a team, they have to overcome jealousies and ego problems and learn to compliment each other's strong and weak points.

As it is with many teams, at first glance it appeared impossible for Valparaíso High School students to ever be considered a close-knit team. Not a day passed in the long school year in which someone was not overheard criticizing someone else. And at times, we all felt somewhat inadequate in some aspect of high school life.

Because of this, we stayed where we felt most comfortable and, inevitably, cliques developed and accentuated the differences among students. But when the players met on the field, "We're all in this together" became our motto with term papers due or finals imminent. We learned the techniques of cooperation which make a team of hard workers into a champion even without a superstar.

When we overcame our jealousies and insecurities, we realized that the Clubhouse was filled with people worth our time and interest. The answer to the problem of team unity meant fostering a sense of respect for the people whose accomplishments were praised up and down in '86. Once we began to cheer for each other, and the student body picked itself up out of a slump, we recognized that IT'S A WHOLE NEW BALLGAME.

— Gina Fattore

VALPO'S FIRST STATE champion wrestler since 1963, senior Tim Burbee, dominates his opponent as he did frequently during his 4-1 season. Burbee's success was indicative of the championship spirit VHS had in '86.

WHEN SENIOR MARK Hardwick volunteered to coach the senior girls' powder puff team, he obviously didn't know what he was in for. However, in the absence of a faculty coach, Hardwick rallied behind his team.





SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS — Front Row: Andrea Ku, sec.; Rus Barone, treas.; Back Row, Marco Alcantara, pres.; Mike Neis, vice pres.

Seniors

Officers Adjust To Changes

The ability to take things in stride and to accept changes are qualities of good leadership.

Senior class officers, Marco Alcantara, Mike Neis, Russ Barone and Andrea Ku, acquired these abilities and used them to the advantage of the 1985-1986 seniors.

Because of a change in principals, Dr. David Bess took over as senior class advisor. Class President Alcantara stated, "... certainly, Dr. Bess deserves our gratitude for his efforts."

Another adjustment was a change in class presidency. Matt Keammerer had originally been

elected president, but for personal reasons resigned from the position early in the year.

"Due to a smooth transition," said Neis, vice-president, "the problem was successfully resolved."

"I feel that we, have accomplished a lot this school year," stated Ku, secretary. One of the major accomplishments was a change in the diplomas. The picture on the diploma was made to be more "individualistic" and "more colorful" said Barone, treasurer.

Elise Daxe



NORMA JEAN ACRES — stu. aide 2-4.
LESLIE ANN ADAMS
REBECCA ALICE ADKINS — intra. 2; orchestra 2-4.
LAURA ANN ALLES — track 2; drama club 2; for. exch. 2-4; for. exch. sec. 4; NHS 3-4; VALPO 2-4; stu. coun. 2; Viking Press 2; pep club 2; v-teens 3-4; v-teens chairman 4.
KRIS ALBERS — drama club 4; for. exch. 2-4; pep club 3; v-teens 3-4.

STEVE M. ALBERS — baseball 2; intra 2-4.
CHERIE LYNN ALEXANDER — YARC 4.
RICHARD J. ALLEN
DAVID ARON ALTENHOF
CAROLINE BRIDGET ANDAMASARIS

THOMAS A. ANDERSON — tennis 3.
DAVID BRIAN ANDRICK — track 2.
MINNIE CAM ANG — for. exch. 2-4; NHS 3-4; VALPO 2-4; stu. coun. 3-4; German club 4; future problems solvers 4.
AIMEE MARIANNA ANTONMARIA — intra 4; stu. coun. 2; pep club 3; v-teens 2 VICA v. pres. 3; VICA pres. 4.
TIM ATHA





KIMBERLY ANN ATKINSON — volleyball 3; intra. 3; pep club 2; V-Teens 3; OEA 4 (treas.).
LAURIE ANNE ATWELL
JEFF A. BACH
HERBERT JOSEPH BALDWIN — football 2-4; baseball 2-4; intra. 3, 4.
VIC M. BARON — football 2; weight. club 2; intra. 3, 4.

RUSSELL G. BARONE — football 2-4 (capt); wrestling 2, 3; track 2; weight. club 2-4; intra. 4; stu. coun. 2-4; Senior class treasurer.
VALERIE MARIE BELL — Vikesettes 2, 3; drama club 2-4; (historian); Theatrics 4; choir 3, 4; swing choir 2-4; for. exch. 3; Girls' Glee Club 2; Explor. teach. 4.
ELLIE C. BELLON — swimming 2; boys' swimming manager 2-4; drama club 4; pep club 4; VICA 3, 4 (sec. 4); SADD 4; Health Occ. 4.
BART CHARLES BENEDICT — swimming 2-4 (capt); AQEO.
DANNE MARGARET BENJAMIN — for. exch. 3; pep club 4; YARC 4 (treas); student aide

DON BERKOWSKI
SAMUEL JAMES BERNARDI — football 2-4; baseball 2; weight. club 2-4; intra. 3, 4.
ROBERT NORMAN BEUTLER
KEITH BRIAN BIGGESTAFF — weight. club 4; intra. 4; band 4; pep band 4.
MICHELE RENEE BISHOP — volleyball 2-4; track 2-4; FCA 2-4; for. exch. 2-4.

BRIAN BLACK — Jr. Achieve. 2 (Pres.).
JENNIFER LYNN BLAKE — Vikesettes 2, 3; drama club 3; choir 2-4; swing choir 2-4; stu. coun. 2-4.
JULIE ANN BODENSTEINER — tennis 2, 3; intra. 2; for. exch. 2-4; NHS 4; stud. coun. 2-4; Viking Press 3, 4; pep club 2, 4; stud. aide 3, 4.
MEGAN MARIE BOETEL — basketball 2-4; pep club 2, 3; softball 2.
SHERRI CHRISTINE BOGAN — OEA 4.

CHRIS R. BONDI — track 2; band 2-4 (sec); orch. 2, 3; pep club 2, 3; V-Teens 3, 4 (sec.); bookstore 4.
PAUL W. BOSTIC — golf 2.
JAMES A. BOUCHE — Nat. Merit Semifinals 4; NHS 4; VICA 4.
ANGELA JEANINE BOWDEN
YVONNE LITE BOWMAN — basketball 2-4; volleyball 2; FCA 2-4; intra. 3, 4; pep club 2; stud. aide 3, 4.

SUZANNE RENEE BOYER — basketball 2-4; FCA 2-4; INTRA. 4; pep club 2-4.
KEVIN M. BRANDT
ALEX DAVID BRICKLEY — golf 3, 4; intra. 2-4; for. exch. 3, 4; stu. coun. 2-4 (Vice Pres. 4); Stu/Fac Sen. 4; bookstore 2-4.
KATHLEEN HEATHER BRIGGS — cheerleading 2-4; intra. 4; pep club 2-4; Homecoming Court 4.
WENDELL PHILIP BRINK — intra. 2-4; Jr. Achieve. 2 (Vice Pres.); SADD 2-4.

S.A.T.'s

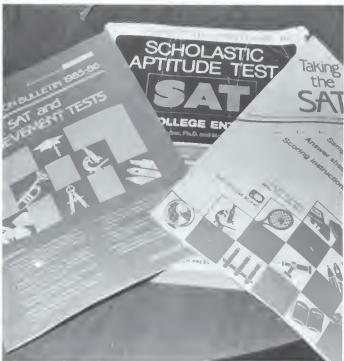
Pathway To The Future

Every person possesses a fear. For many VHS students their worst fear was taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test. The S.A.T. is nothing more than a means to compare students from different schools. "The S.A.T. measures everyone the same," said guidance Director Don Dick.

According to Dick, too much emphasis is put on these tests. The S.A.T. only measures verbal and math skills, not hardwork, creativity and leadership. He explained, "Someone who scored high on the S.A.T. could do worse at college than the person who scored lower." Senior Rich Kratzberg felt the S.A.T. isn't an accurate showing of one's knowledge. He stated, "Some students 'choke' on tests and don't perform as well as they could have."

Preparation for the S.A.T. was exercised by several students. Senior Pat Kim took a Stanley Kappa S.A.T. course. He said, "Although these courses help a little, one can improve scores without even taking a course by working by themselves." Dick said the college board believes the only way to study for the test is to read and take good math courses. More colleges are beginning to accept A.C.T. scores along with S.A.T. scores, explained Dick. The American College Test covers science, math, social studies and English. In some areas of the country, the A.C.T. is accepted in favor of the S.A.T., he noted. Most colleges only see the S.A.T. as a second factor.

— Kevin McBride

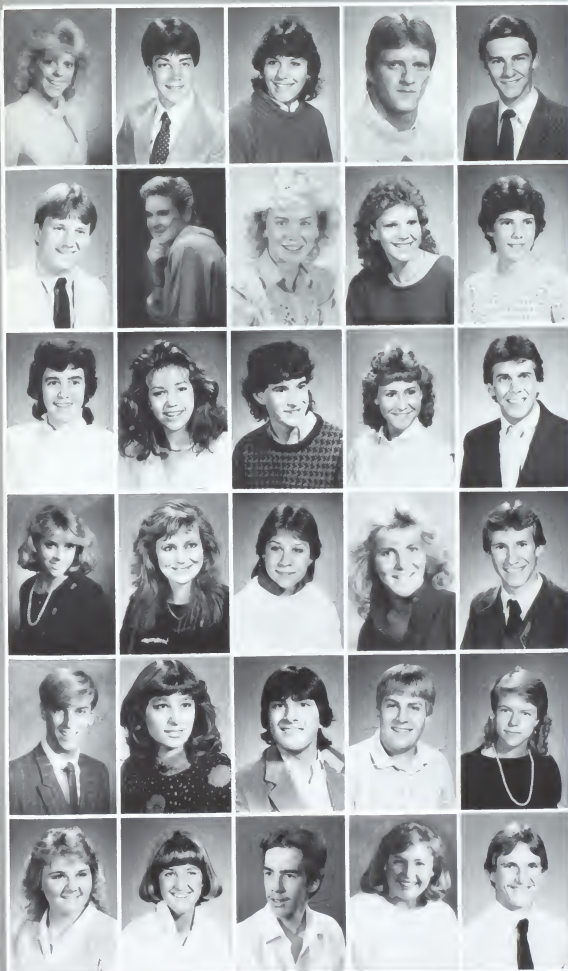


SENIOR ROBERTA COMBS starts preparing herself for the SATs by doing research in the library.

WORKING WITH THE computer, senior Sue Frye answers practice SAT questions to prepare for the actual test November 2.

SAT BOOKS IN the Guidance Office give V.H.S. students another opportunity to prepare for the college boards.





JENNIFER ELLEN BROADHURST — cheerleading 2-4, mira 3, 4, stu. coun. 3, pep club 2-4, homecoming court 4.
JEFFREY MICHAEL BROSKEY
LAURA ANN BROWN — intra. 4, for. exch. 4, pep club 4, YARC 4, DECA 3, 4.
MARC BROWN — track 2, intra. 2, Thespians 3, swing choir 2, Jr. Achiev. 2, VICA 3, 4, NORB security council 4.
STEPHEN DALE BROWN — football 2-4, wrestling 2, track 2-4, weight club 2-4.

LOWELL MAX BRUCE — football 2, intra. 3, library aide 4.
JULIE ANNE BUCHANAN — cross country 2.
LISA ANN BUCHER — choir 2-4, swing choir 2, for. exch. 4, NHS 3, 4, explor. teach. 4.
MICHELLE LEE BURGESSON — intra. 4, for. exch. 4.
LESLIE M. BURNS — intra. 2, 4, pep club 3, 4, football trainer 4.

JILL T. BURKHOLDER — swimming 2, intra. 2, for. exch. 2, 3, pep club 2, 3, VTeens 2, 3, stud. aide 3, 4.
MARILYN SUE BURTON — band 2, Stu/Fac Sen 4, Valenian 3, 4, Viking Pres 2-4 (co-editor 2, 4), Quill and Scroll 3, 4.
MIKE F. BYRON — Jr. Achiev. 2.
LEAH DARLENE CAMPLAN — Vikesettes 3, pep club 3, 4, OEA 4.
MIKE LEE CAPPELLA — baseball 2, intra. 3, 4.

KRISTIN ANN CARLSON — V-Teens 3, 4.
TAMMY SUZANNE CARLSON — intra. 3, pep club 3, 4.
JULIE JOY CARRELL — volleyball manager 2, track 2-4, FCA 2-4, for. exch. 2-4, NHS 3, 4, VALPO 3, 4, girls' glee club 2.
NATALIE ANN CAVANAUGH — basketball 2-4, tennis 2-4, FCA 2, intra. 2-4, stud. council 2-4 (sec. 4), pep club 2-4, Homecoming Court 4.
GREGORY ALAN CHESTER — basketball 2, 4, FCA 3, intra. 2, 4, for. exch. 3, 4, NHS 3, 4, VALPO 2, 3.

RICK ALAN CHRUSTOWSKI — track 2, cross country 2, intra. 2-4, for. exch. 2-4, dom. exch. 4, stu. coun. 4.
SHANNON M. CHURCH — drama club 4, for. exch. 4, pep club 4, explor. teach. 4.
TIM ERIC CICALDI — weight. club 2.
SCOTT A. CLARK
JULIE ANNE CLEAVELAND — choir 3, 4, explor. teach. 4.

LYNN LEANNE CLEMENTS — pep club 4.
SUZANNE ELIZABETH CLIFFORD — golf 2-4, intra. 2, for. exch. 2-4.
JAMES R. COATES
STEFANIE ANNE COLBY — basketball 2, golf 2-4, intra. 3, 4, pep club 2-4, VICA 4 (vice pres.).
TIMOTHY DALE COLLINS — football 2-4, baseball 2-4, intra. 2-4.

ROBERTA DAWN COMBS — drama club 2, SADD 2-4; for. exch. 24.
CAROLINE MAE COMEFORD — vikettes 3-4 (squad leader 3-4); for. exch. 4; pep club 2-4; v-teens 2; swimming 2.
CHARLES ROBERT CONDON
JAMES C. CONRICK — swimming 2-3; sound/light crew 2; viking press 3; SADD 4; student aide 2-3.
PHILIP SCOTT CORNELL — football 2-4; track 2-4; weightlifting club 2-4; intramurals 2-4; VICA 3.

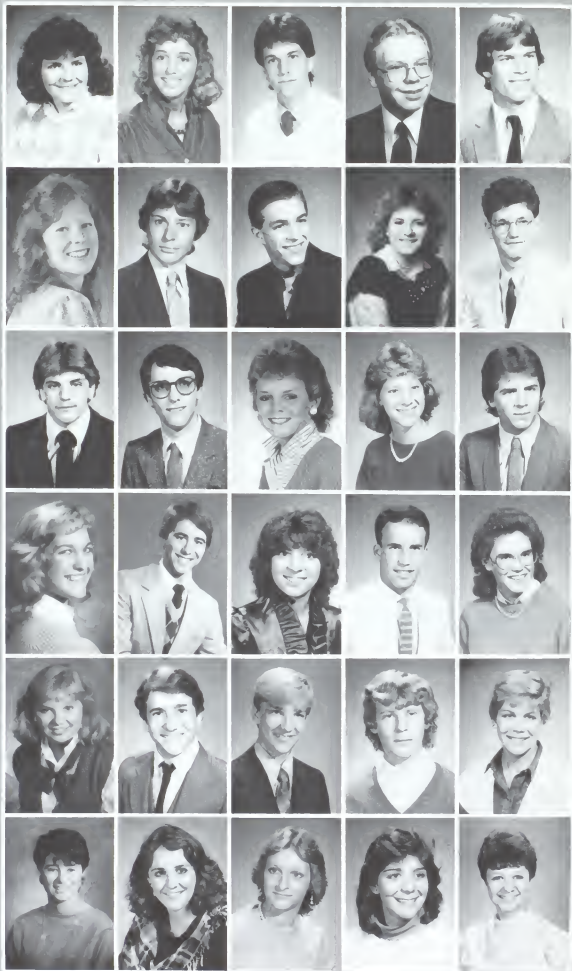
KIM COVINGTON
THOMAS H. CRISE — jr. achievement 2-4 (pres. 2-4).
MICHAEL RENE CRISWELL — intramurals 3-4; SADD.
MITCHELE DENISE CROWN
OVER — tennis 3; cheer 2-4; choir 4; for. ex. 4; NHS 2-4; pep 2-4; softball 4; German 4.
KLAUS DAHN — FCA 4; for ex. 4; swimming 4.

MIKE J. DAGGETT — football 2, 4; wrestling 2, 3; track 2-4; for. ex. 3.
THOMAS JAMES DALFONSO — drama 2-4; vice pres 4; thespians 3, 4; jazz 4; choir 2-4; swing 2-4.
LORI JEAN DANIEL — vikettes 4; DECA 4.
AMY BETH DAVIS — drama club 3-4; thespians 4; for. exch. 4; Valenian 3-4; Viking Press 2-4; quill and scroll 3-4; SADD 3-4.
BRUCE EDWARD DAVIS

ELISE DYAN DAXE — cheerleading 2; intra 2-4; for. exch. 4; stu. coun. 2, 4; Valenian 4; pep club 2-4.
LAWRENCE JOSEPH DEMBRINSKI — tennis 2; FCA 4; intra 3-4; for. exch. 4; dom. exch. 4; quiz bowl 4; stu. fac. sen. 4; v-teens 4; German club v. pres. 4; SADD 3-4.
BRENDA L. DERFLINGER — intra. 2; OEA 4.
BENJAMIN JASON DICK — basketball 2; football 2-4; track 2-4; weightlifting club 2-4; FCA 2.
LORI ANN DICKSON — orchestra 2-4; stu. aide 4.

DEBORAH VICTORIA DOBIS
DAVID DOERING — swim. 2-4; VICA 2-4; G.O.D. 4.
LAWRENCE DANIEL DOMBROWSKI
GEORGE JAGGER DOUGLAS — track 2-4; cross country 3-4; FCA 3-4; for. exch. 4; quiz bowl 3-4; pep club 2, 4; v-teens 4; German club 4.

KATE DOUGLAS
MICHELLE RENEE DOUGLAS
NANCY ELAINE DUCAT — basketball 3; volleyball 2-4; choir 2-4; swing choir 3-4 for. exch. 4; softball 3-4.
AMY MARIE DUNIVAN — intra 2.
JODI ANN DUSEK — jr. ach. 2; JA v. pres. secretary 2; SADD 4; stu. aide 3-4.



Shorts

A New Dress Code Was Unveiled

Valparaiso has always appeared to be conservative in its beliefs and attitudes and the high school has normally reflected this attitude. However, late in the year the administration decided to let the more liberal attitudes prevail.

On Monday April 28, the historic announcement was made. Dr. David Bess said the following day the students could wear shorts for a two week trial period. The previous week the spring-time issue was prevalent as many students, especially male students, attempted to stretch the no-shorts rule to the limit. Many students were unhappy with the rule saying it discriminated against boys as girls could wear short mini skirts while boys got in trouble for below the knee shorts.

Reacting to the students views, the new shorts rule was made. The first day of the trial period approximately 15% of the

students wore shorts despite the cool weather. Although many people wore shorts just because it was a new found freedom some students had other reasons. Senior Kevin McBride wore them because, "I had never done it before and it was a change of pace."

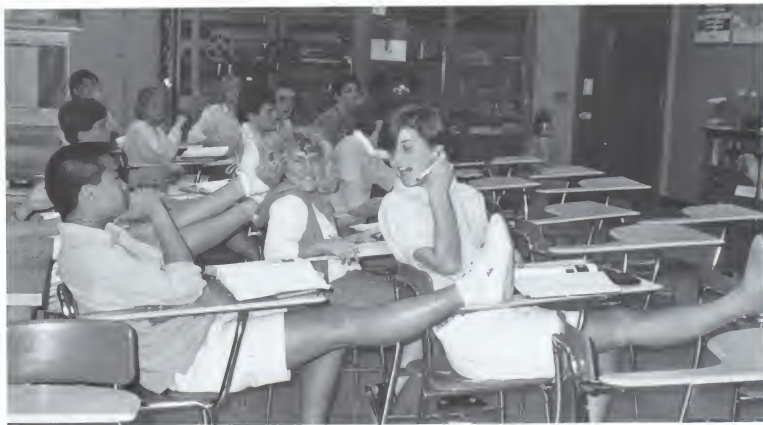
Senior Melissa Evans wore them one day because she was filming a commercial for speech class and it was part of the costume while senior Phil Eskilson wore them because he was more comfortable in them and felt he can concentrate better because of that.

The styles of shorts ranged from the traditional tennis shorts to the Hawaiian Jams and came in various lengths and colors. For the most part students were tasteful in their choice of shorts and seemed to be happy with their new privilege.

— Kristin Meyer

SENIOR TITUS TAN, Melissa Evans and Laura Geiss use their new-found freedom by wearing shorts to Ben Austin's physics class.

WHILE PUTTING THEIR books away after school, seniors Maureen Murphy and B.J. Dick display their spring attires.



RONALD B. EATON — basketball 2-4, baseball 2-4, intra. 2, 3.
 MELISSA RAE EDDY — tennis 2-4, intra. 2, for. exch. 3, 4; dom. exch. 4, pep club 4, SADD 3, 4.
 PAMELA L. EDWARDS — choir 2-4, V-Teens 3, Girls' Glee club 2, DECA 4, stud. aide 2-4.
 KRISTIE L. EGOLF — drama club 2, 3, sound/light crew 4, orch. 2-4, for. exch. 2, stud. aide 4.
 SANDRA LYNN EICHELBERGER — Valenian 4, Viking Press 3, 4; V-Teens 2.

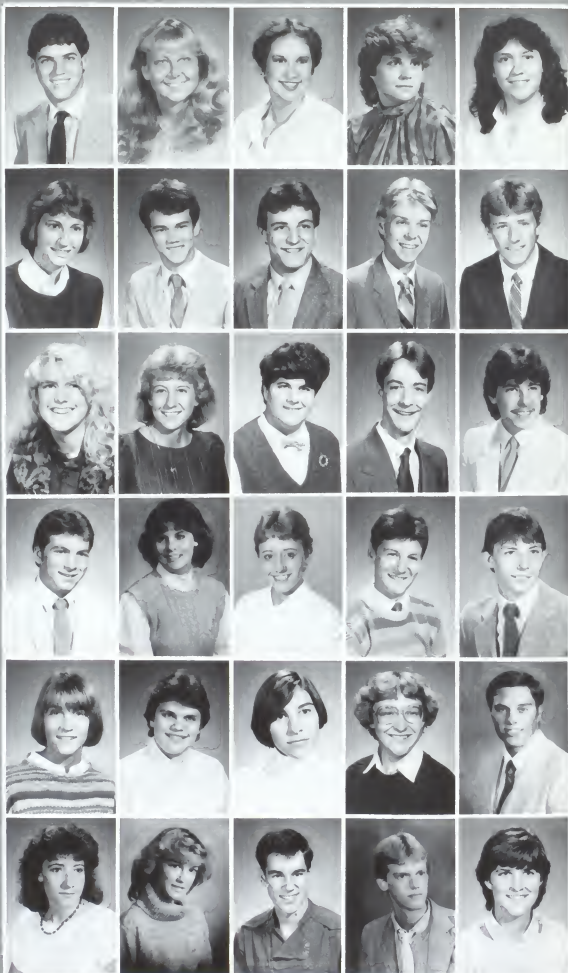
SUSAN ELIZABETH ELIEFF — track 3, 4, FCA 3, for. exch. 2, SADD 3, 4.
 CHARLES ROBERT ELLIS — track 2, 3, cross country 2, sound/light crew 2-4, band 2, studio band 2, orch. 2, VICA 4.
 JON EMMSWILLER
 PHILIP JAMES ESKILSON — track 2, Stu/Fac Sen. 4, German club 4.
 MATTHEW CURTIS EVANS — tennis 2-4 (capt), intra. 2-4.

MELISSA NOEL EVANS — intra. 2-4, for. exch. 2-4, NHS 3, 4; stu. coun. 2-4, pep club 2.
 MELISSA ANN FABER — volleyball 2-4, track 2-4, FCA 2, 3; band 2, 3, German Club 4 (sec).
 GINA L. FATTORE — for. exch. 2-4, Nat. Merit Semifinalist and finalist, NHS 3, 4 (pres. 4), Quiz Bowl 3 (pres. 4), VALPO 3, stud. coun. 2-4, Stu/Fac Sen. 4, Valenian 3, 4 (Ed.), Viking Press 2-4 (Ed. 3, 4), Quill and Scroll 3, 4, V-Teens 2-4.
 JAMES ROBERT FIEGLE — cross country 2-3, NHS 3-4.
 SCOTT ALAN FINLEY — DECA 3 (reporter) 4 (secr.), stu. aide 4.

JEFFREY H. FISCHER — swim. 2-4; drama club 3, sound and light crew 4.
 DAWN NOEL FITZER — swim. 4; drama club 2-3; for. exch. 4.
 KIMBERLY R. FOREMAN — vikettes 3-4, intra. 4; for. exch. 4, pep club 2-3; v-teens 3.
 BRIAN S. FORMAL
 CHAD ALLEN FORTUNE — basketball 2-4, football 2-4.

CYNTHIA LYNN FOSTER — band 2, for. exch. 2-4, pep club 2.
 SUSAN MICHELLE FREESE — band 2-4, all state band 2-4, jazz ensemble 3-4, studio band 3, all state jazz band 2-4, pep band 2-4, orchestra 2, for. exch. 3, v-teens 4, pt orch. 4.
 ANNE MARIE FREY — track 2-4, cross country 2-4, FCA 2-4, band 2, jazz ensemble 2-3, orchestra 2, for. exch. 3, NHS 3-4, quiz bowl 3, VALPO 2-3, stu. coun. 2-4.
 JULIE MAE FRITZ — basketball 2-4, FCA 2-3 (secretary) 4, NHS 3-4, softball 2-4.
 DAVID LEE FROBISH — wrestling 3, cheerleading 2, 4, choir 3-4, swing choir 3-4.

SUSAN ELAINE FRYE — volleyball 2-4, FCA 2-3, NHS 3-4.
 LAUREN LYNN FURLIN — for. exch. 2-4, stu. coun. 2, pep club 2-4, stu. aide 2-4, ski club 2-4.
 RICO GARZOTTO — FCA 4, intra. 4, orchestra 4, for. exch. 4.
 NEIL P. GAST — intra. 4, for. exch. 4.
 LAURA JEAN GIBBS — tennis 2-3, FCA 2-4, intra. 2-3, orchestra 2, for. exch. 2-3 (v. pres. 4), nat. merit semifinalist 4, NHS 3-4, quiz bowl 3-4, VALPO 3, stu. fac. sen. 4 (president), v-teens 2-4, math team 3-4.





BRIAN DOUGLAS GILL — drama club 2-4 (treas.), Therpians 4; band 2-4; jazz ensemble 3, 4; pep band 2; NFL 4; boys State.
JEANETTE MARIE GERTON — intra 3; drama club 3; for. exch. 4; stu. council 2-4; stu./fac. sen. 4; class secretary 2; pep club 4.
AMY H. GOLD — tennis 2-4; intra. 2; pep club 2-4; stu. club 2-4.
NICOLE M. GOMERSALL — for. exch. 2-4.
MICHAELLE MARIE GRABOWSKI — Vettes 2-4; band 2; for. exch. 2, 3.

BRENDAN JAY GRUBE — band 2-4; All-State Band 2, 3; jazz ensemble 2-4 orch. 2, 4.
LIA KAY GRUBE — for. exch. 2-4; future problem solvers.
TAMMI LYNN HAMRICK — choir 4; swing choir 4; YARC 3, 4 (Vice-Pres. 4).
JULIE ANN HANSON — swimming 2-4 (capt.); track 4; intra. 3, 4; NHS 4; stu. council 2, 3; pep club 2-4.
KATHY SUE HARBAUGH

JENNIFER C. HARDEBECK — volleyball 3; intra. 2, 4; drama club 4; for. exch. 2-4; summer exchange student; NHS 3, 4.
MARK ALLEN HARDWICK — football 2-4; wrestling 3; weight. club 2-4; intra. 3, 4; for. exch. 4; dom. exch. 4; NHS 3, 4; stu. council 3, 4 (Pres. 4); stu./fac. sen. 4; Class President 3; stu. aide 4.
SAMUEL JUSTIN HARPER
HEIDI KATHRYN HARRIS — orch. 2-4; for. exch. 2-4; YARC 4; SADD 2.
LAURA ANN HARTWIG — track 2-4 (capt. 3, 4); cross country 2-4 (capt. 4); FCA 2-4; band 2, 3; All-State Band 2, 3; orch. 2; for. exch. 4; NHS 3, 4; pep club 4.

JEFF HATCHETT — Jr. Achieve. 2; PVE teaching 4; VICA 4; DECA 4 (treas.).
ELIZABETH ANNE HAUSER — volleyball 2-4; track 2; FCA 2, 3; NHS 2-4; pep club 2-4; German club.
NEAL JAMES HEFFERNAN — basketball 2, 4; tennis 3, 4; intra. 2, 3.
MIKE HEINRICH — intra. 2-4; Jr. Achieve. 2, 3 (pres.).
MARY SUSAN HEINZ — volleyball 2 (manager); OEA 4.

MIKE HENLEY
SANDRA MARIE HENNING
KATHERINE LEAH HENRIQUES
SCOTT ALAN HERBST — tennis 2, 3; intra. 3, 4.
CRAIG ALAN HEWLETT — football 2-4; weight. club 2-4; VICA 3, 4 (pres.).

WILLIAM JOSEPH HICKMAN — CAD advisor 4.
JEFFREY DAVID HIGBIE — football 2-4; track 2-4; weight. club 2-4; intra. 2-4.
KRISTIN BAMBER HIGHLAND — band 2; for. exch. 2-4; NHS 2-4; VALPO 3; pep club 3; V-Teens 2-4 (vice-Pres.); math team 2-4; academic decathlon 4; Girls State Senator.
JAMES A. HIZLEY — golf 4.
SUSAN BONNIE HOLCOMB — band 2, 3; for. exch. 2-4; NHS 3, 4; math team 2-4.

Achievement

In Academics

Being the best, academically or in extracurricular activities, was the goal of many VHS students, and the class of 1986 was exceptional when it came to fulfilling these goals.

Out of approximately 400 students 24 of these graduated with GPA's above 4.0.

Ranking at the top of the class were Valedictorian Minnie Ang and Salutatorian Susie Johnson.

"I always get a sense of satisfaction from learning and improving. This is essentially what motivates me to try my best in my work," said Ang. "Because I practice the piano 2-3 hours a day, I really need to budget my time efficiently for homework,

school activities, and outside reading," she added.

"I always push myself to be the best that I can. I feel honored to be Salutatorian of the class of '86 because overall I think we're a great class — academically and in sports," Johnson said. "I know I wouldn't have done as well in school if I hadn't been involved in sports — basketball and cross country. Everyone needs some kind of an outlet. You shouldn't just study and do nothing else," she continued.

Following graduation, Ang wanted to attend the University of Chicago and Johnson planned to go to the University of Denver.



Valedictorian Minnie Ang and Salutatorian Susie Johnson led the class of 1986 with GPA's of 4.3421 and 4.3158, respectively.

ANDREW JOSEPH HOSKINS
MICHELLE LEE HOUSE — intra. 4; for. exch. 2-4; pep club 3; v-teams 3-4.
TAMMY ANN HOUSTON — vikette 2-4; squad leader 3; captain 4.
SUZANNE MARIE HOWARD — volleyball 2; jr. ach. 2; stu. aide 4.
SHELIA ANN HOWE — OEA 4.

TOM M. HUBER — DECA 3-4; stu. aide 3.
LORI JEAN HUGHES
GARL HUSMAN
MICHAEL C. HUTTINGER — for. exch. 4; dom exch. 2-4; jr. ach. 2-4; JA v. pres. 4.
HEATHER INGRAM

TAMMY LYNN IPPOLITO — DECA 3-4.
ANN MARIE JACOBSEN — track 2, cross country 2-4; FCA 2-4; Viking Press 2; YARC 3.
NORBY S. JAKEL — football 2-4; wrestling 2-3.





HUNDREDS OF FANS turned out to cheer on the V.H.S. football team despite the rain, snow, and below freezing temperatures.

SENIORS ALEX BRICKLEY, Steve Remajan, Pat Rooney, Jeff Williamson, Mike Micicche and Greg Chester traded their helmets for mini skirts during Powder Puff Game.



SALLY JASNIC — intra. 2, pep club 2-4, v-teens 2-4.
SUSAN ANNE JOHNSON — basketball 2-4, track 2, cross country 2-3, FCA 2-4, NHS 3-4, NHS secretary 4, quiz bowl 4, stu. coun. 2, pep club 4.
DEANN CAROL JONES — pep club 2-4, v-teens 2-4.
DION A. JONES — wrestling 2-3, track 2-4, cross country 2-4.
JESSICA ALLISON JONES — football trainer 4, wrestling manager 3, track manager 3, pep club 2-4.

MIKE E. JONES — basketball 2-4.
PAUL MICHAEL KAMANAROFF — golf 2-4, intra. 4.
KATHRYN ANN KASPAR
MATTHEW DAVID KEAMMERER — drama club 2-4, v-teens 4, SADD 4.
HARRY L. KEENE — intra. 3-4.

CHRISTY LYNN KELLY — band 2-4, band librarian 3, drum major asst. 2-3 head drum major 4, all state orchestra 3-4, for. exch. 2-4, NHS 3-4, VALPO 3, v-teens 3-4.
PETER KICKBUSH — tennis 3, cross country 2, swim. 4, band 2-4, all state band 3, jazz ensm. 2-4 studio band 2, stu. fac. sen. 4, AQEO 4.
PATRIC KIM — tennis 2-3, intra. 2-4, or. exch. 2-4, for. exch. 3-4, quiz bowl 3-4, acad. deatth. 4.

KRISIE LYNN KIMERER — track 3, intra. 2, 3; drama club 2; for. exch. 2, 3; pep club 2; V-Teens 2, 3; VARC 4; SADD 4.
 MARK DAVID KLEHAMMER — tennis 3; intra. 2-4; for. exch. 4; quiz bowl 2-4 (pres.); stu./fac. sen 4; V-Teens 4; German Club; SADD 4.
 JACQUELINE SUZANNE KLEIST — intra. 2-4.
 BRIAN CARL KLEIMZ — basketball 2-4 (stat.); track 2, 3; cross country 2-4; band 2, 3; NHS 3, 4; VALPO 3; German Club 4.
 KATHRYN ANN KLEPSE — golf 3; for. exch. 2.

JOSEPH J. KOVALICK — intra. 2-4; for. exch. 2-4; stu. coun. 3, 4.
 DEBRA LYNN KRAKER — pep club 3; V-Teens 3.
 BRIAN D. KRATZ — intra. 3.
 RICH C. KRATZENBERG — golf 2-4; intra. 2-4.
 KRISTIN M. KRIEGER — for. exch. 2; V-Teens 2.

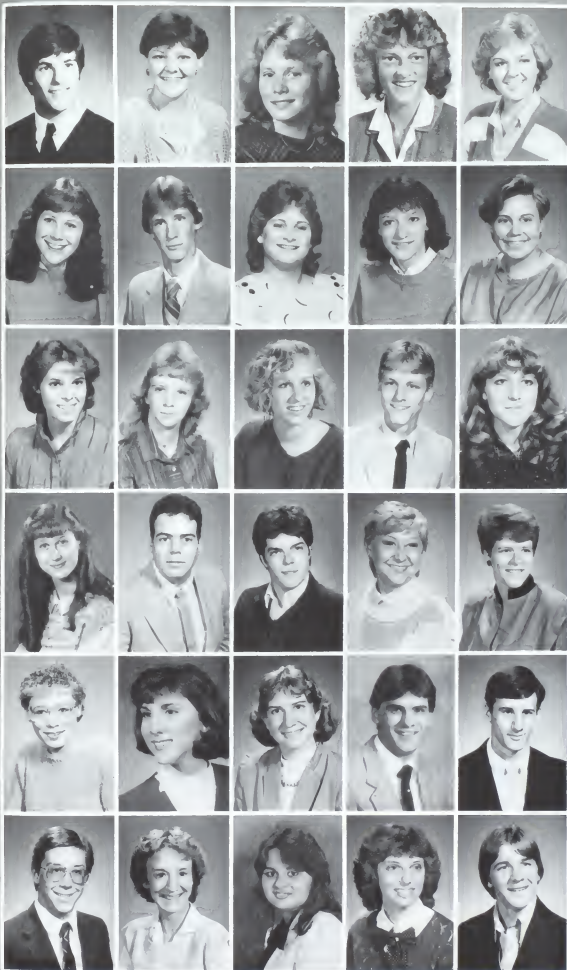
WENDY JENNIFER KROLL — Vikettes 4; cheerleading 2; intra. 3; band 2; for. exch. 2-4; VARC 4; SADD 4.
 TRACI ANNE KRYSINSKI — swimming 3; FCA 3; intra. 3, 4; for. exch. 2-4; stu. coun. 2, 4; Viking Press 2; pep club 2, 3; student aide 4.
 ANDREA Z. KU — intra. 2-4; for. exch. 2-4; NHS 3, 4; VALPO 3; stu. coun. 2-4; class secretary 4.
 MICK ALLEN KUEHL.
 AMY PHYLIS LAMBERT — track 4; intra. 3, 4; stu. coun. 2, 3; pep club 2-4; V-Teens 3.

CHRISTINA KIM LANSFINGER
 CHARLES ERIC LAWRENCE
 MELISSA MARIE LEETZ
 STEPHEN JAMES LETNICH — basketball 2; football 2-4 (capt.); golf 2; weight. club 2-4; intra. 2-4; stud. aide 2-4.
 DENISE LOPEZ

JON LOREK — intra. 3; stud. aide 2-4.
 ROBERT ALAN LUCKETT
 JEANETTE DIANE LUNGWITZ
 JACK C. LYONS — studio band 4.
 MYRADAISSY M. MACAPAGAL — tennis 2, 3 (capt.); intra. 2, 3; for. exch. 2-4 (pres. 4); NHS 3, 4; stu. coun. 2-4 (treas. 4); class treasurer 2; Viking Press 3, 4; V-Teens 2-4; stu. aide 3, 4.

ANN ELIZABETH MAERTZ
 JUDI ANN MANAGO — swimming 2; for. exch. 2-4; pep club 2-4; V-Teens 2, 3.
 DANIEL LEE MANGEL — wrestling 2; cross country 2.
 DIANA LYNN MANIAK — All-State Band 4; jazz ensemble 3, 4; pep band 3, 4; orch. 2-4; swing choir 2, 3; for. exch. 3, 4; Nat. Merit Semifinals 4; VALPO 3; Academic Decathlon 4; softball 2-4.
 CAROLYN JOY MAPES





MARK EDWARD MARCINKOWSKI

MICHELLE LYNN MARRS — volleyball 2, FCA 3, intra 3, choir 2, for. exch. 2, pep club 3, softball 3.
 SANDY S. MARSHALL — volleyball 2-4, track 2, NHS 3, 4, stu/fac. sen. 4 (vice-pres.), pep club 3, 4 (co-sporthead coordinator), German club 4.
 MARYA JANE MARTIN — basketball 2, 3, cross country 4, band 2-4 (pres.), pep band 4, orch. 2, NHS 3, 4.
 TONYA LEE MARTIN — intra 2, for. exch. 2, pep club 4, YARC 3, VICA 3, 4 (pres. 4).

KAREN LORRAINE MATHEWS — for exch. 2, 3; Nat. Merit Semifinals.
 KEVIN R. MCBRIDE — tennis 2, 4, intra 3, for. exch. 3, 4; NHS 4, stu. coun. 3, 4; Valenian 4, V-Teens 4.
 AMY SUE MCCASLAND — choir 2, 4; swing choir 2, for. exch. 4.
 DEBRA M. MCDANNEL — intra 3, orch. 2, 3, for. exch. 2-4.
 DEBRA J. MCDOWELL — intra 3, for. exch. 2, YARC 3, Vocational 4.

KATE MARIE MCNEILL — football 2-4 (statistician), intra 2, 3, NHS 3, 4, VALPO 3, 4, stu. coun. 2-4, stu/fac. senate 3, Class vice-president 2, academic decathlon 4, SADD 2-4 (Vice-Pres. 2, 3, Pres. 4), stud. aide 3, 4.
 KATHERINE MARIE METHERD
 KRISTIN LYNN MEYER — drama club 2, band 2, for. exch. 2-4; NHS 4, Valenian 4, Viking Press 2, 4, Quill and Scroll 4, V-Teens 2.
 STEVE ANDREW MEYER — track 2, 3, cross country 2-4, FCA 2, VICA 3, 4 (treas.).
 ROCHELLE SUE MEYERS — basketball 2-4, track 2-4 (capt. 3, 4), cross country 2, FCA 2-4 (Vice-Pres. 4), for. exch. 3, 4; NHS 3, 4, VALPO 2-4, Quiz Bowl 3, 4.

AMY LYNN MILLER — band 2-4, All-State Band 3, Pep Band 3, orch. 2, for. exch. 2, 3 (board 2), NHS 4, NFL 4.
 BRIAN EDWARD MILLER — drama club 2-4.
 DAVID ALLEN MILLER — wrestling 2-4.
 SHEILA M. MILLER — volleyball 2-4, gymnastics 2-4, Jr. Achiev. 2, explor. teach. 4.
 NANCY EILEEN MOHLER — for. exch. 4, DECA 3, 4.

KATHY M. MOHNACH
 KATHY MARIE MOLITORIS — intra 2, NHS 3, 4, V-Teens 3, Stud. Aide 3, 4.
 HEATHER MOODY
 DEAN L. MOORE — basketball 2-4, golf 2-4, FCA 2-4.
 KEVIN WALTER MORAN — wrestling 2, track 3.

GREGORY GARRETT MORTON — swimming 2-4 (team captain), intra 4, for. exch. 4, NHS 3, 4, math team 3, AGEO.
 NATALIE ANN MOSER — for. exch. 2-4, Jr. Achiev. 3, NHS 4, pep club 3, Hoosier Girls State Delegate, stu. aide 4.
 REBECCA LYNN MOWBRAY — Jr. Achiev. 2, glee club 2-4, SADD 2-4, stud. aide 2-4.
 CHRISTINE ANN MULLER
 MARSHALL J. MUNDT — wrestling 2-4, NHS 4.

Exchanging

Cultures Mesh With New Students

Although people come from different countries and backgrounds, they usually share common emotions and feelings. Curiosity is one of these. Curiosity is the quality which foreign exchange students Klaus Dahn, Germany; Rico Garzotto, Switzerland; Jakob Olsen, Denmark; and Anne Wentzel, Germany, brought to VHS.

Their impressions of America prior to coming here were based on America's power and products. Once they arrived, they found out that Americans were different than they had expected.

Garzotto commented on how active the teenagers are. He also said teenagers did things more spontaneously than in Switzerland. Garzotto got involved in various activities and even ran for judge on student government day. Winning the election and spending student government day was a learning experience.

The degree of school loyalty and rivalry surprised Olsen. In

Denmark, the students aren't as loyal to their school. He experienced this loyalty while playing on the soccer team and participating in swimming.

According to Dahn, American students help around the house more than in Germany. Trying to fit in and know what was expected was an adjustment, yet Dahn found one thing the same. By being a member of the swim team and winning state as part of the relay team, he continued his swimming career.

Driving everywhere was an unexpected adjustment for Wentzel. "In Germany, people don't rely on cars as much as they do in America."

By discovering and participating in these unexpected American ways of life their curiosity about the "big" country was satisfied. They all said they were glad they chose to come to the United States and hoped to return someday.

— Marilyn Burton



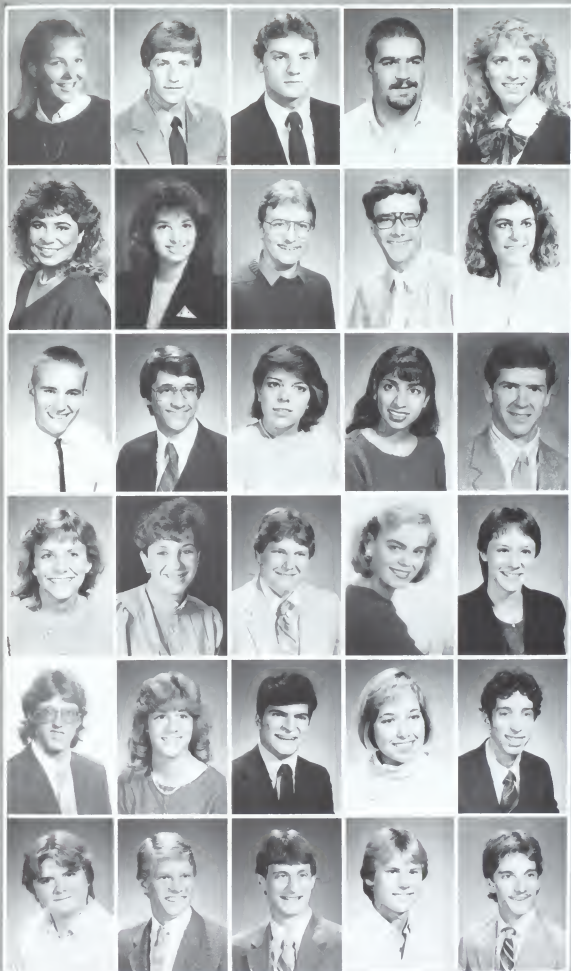
GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENT Anne Wentzel types her assignment during her typing class.

ALTHOUGH COMING TO AMERICA was a new experience, Rico Garzotto continued to play his violin as he did in Switzerland.

JOHN COOK looks on as Klaus Dahn from Germany returns the tennis ball during his gym class.

JAKOB OLSEN LEARNS another new language while in America from Denmark by taking first year French.





MAUREEN HANSEN MURPHY — golf 2-4;
tennis 2-4; pep club 2-4
DAVID E. NALLIEUX
ROBERT R. NEAL — football 2-4; baseball 2-4;
Stu. coun. 2, 3; class officer 2
MIKE JOHN NEIS — football 2-4; track 2-4;
weight club 2-4; cheer 3, 4; intramurals 2-4;
stu. coun. 2-4; class officer v. pres. 3, 4
SANDRA LEE NELSON

LORI ANN NELSON — vikette 2-4; capt.
leader, for. exch. 4; V.I.C.A. pres.
BONNIE LYNN NICHOLAS — Jr. ach. 2;
D.E.C.A. 3-4; treas. 4
MIKE L. NIMETZ — intramurals 3
TIMOTHY R. NORRIS
CRISTINE SUE NOVER — basket. 4; F.C.A. 4

JAKOB PLOEN OLSEN — swim 4; soccer 4;
for. ex. 4; foreign exchange stu.
JOHN H. PARKS
AMY JEAN PARRY — track 3, 4; intramurals 2, 3; orchestra 2-4; sound/light 4; viking press 3; German club 4; gaming club 3; Mime 4; for. ex. 2-4
MANMEET KAUR PATHEJA — track 3; X country 3; intramurals 3, 4; for. ex. 2-4; Viking press 2
JOSEPH RAYMOND PEKAREK — basketball 2; football 2-4; wrestling 3; cheer 3, 4; class officer 3; king of Hearts Court

GERRIE L. PHILLIPS — track 4; F.C.A. 4; intramurals 4; Pep 2-4; YARC 3; Explor. teach. 4; PVE teach. 3
JOLANDA MARIE PITT — vikette 2, 4; for. ex. 3, 4; Jr. ach. 2; YARC 4
DAVID A. PITMAN — wrestling 2; track 2-4; weight 2; DECA 3, 4; intramurals 2-4
LINDSEY LEIGH POWELL — swim 2-4; F.C.A. 3; intramurals 4; for. ex. 3, 4; stu. cou. 2-4; homecoming 4; stu. aid 3, 4; SADD 3, 4
DEBORAH ELLEN PRAHLOW — track 2-4; F.C.A. 4; band 2

MIKE TODD PRITCHARD
JANIE LYNN PYLE — swim 3, 4; stu. fac. sen. 4; OEA 4; stu. aid 2-4
DAVID ANTHONY QUARNSTROM — Jr. achievement 2-4
MARY ELIZABETH REAVIS — track 2, 3; mens V-teens 3, 4; treas. Pep club 2; for. ex. 2-4; board mem.
CHRISTOPHER LEE REICHERT — ach. 2; pep band 2-4; studio 2; jazz 2-4; all-state 3; band 2-4; v-pres. 4

GINGER ANN REIF
STEVEN CHARLES REMJAN — track 3, 4; weight 2-4; intramurals 2-4; stu. cou. 3, 4; stu. aid 2-4
WAYNE DAVID RICE
CHRIS J. RICHARDS
JAMES MIKEL RITCHEA — football 2; wrestling 2; intramurals 3; PVE teach.

KIMBERLY S. ROBBINS — drama 2-4 (Vice Pres. 3, Pres. 4, Thespians 3, 4; Band 2-4; Studio Band 2, Pep Band 2, orch. 3; Stu/Fac Sen. 4; Explor. Teach. 4; NFL 4.
 MARILYN JO. ROGNES — intra. 4, for. exch. 2, 3; pep club 2, 3; V-Teens 3, 4; Student aid 3, 4; Media Center aid 2.
 PATRICK JOSEPH ROONEY — football 2-4 (captain); track 2-4; weight. club 2-4; cheer-leading 3, 4; intra. 2-4; stu. coun. 3, 4.
 ANDREW KURT ROSS — intra. 2, 4; band 2, 3; Studio Band 2, orch. 2, for. exch. 4; Quiz Bowl 4 (Sergeant at Arms); Stu/Fac Sen. 4; V-Teens 4; German Club 4 (pres); SADD 4.

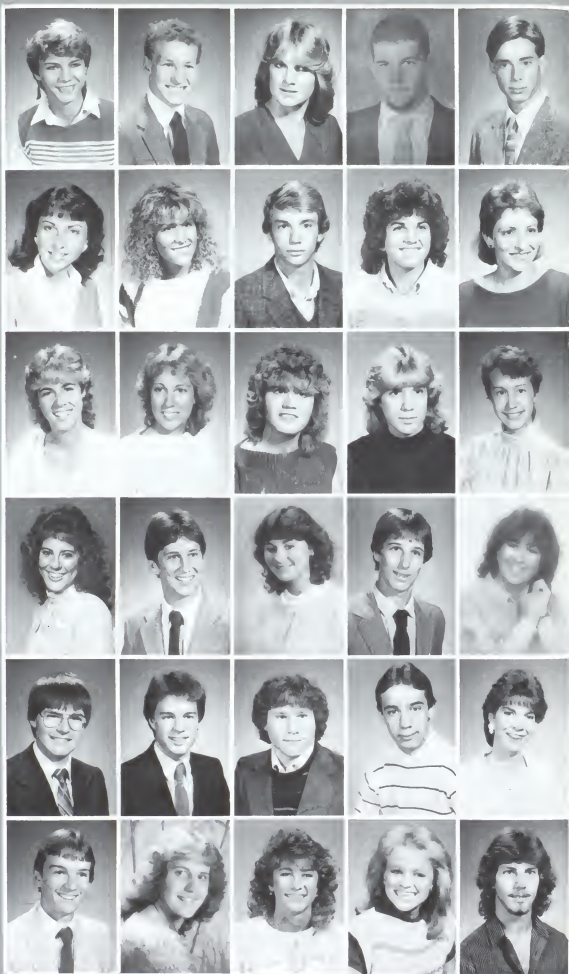
REBECCA SUE ROSS — pep club 2, 3; V-Teens 2-4; DECA 3, 4; Quest 3, 4.
 EMILY SACHS — swimming 2; intra. 2-4; for. exch. 2-4; dom. exch. 2; pep club 2, 3.
 ANDREW EUGENE SCHENCK — swimming 2-4 (capt. 4); track 2; for. exch. 2-4 (treas. 4); NHS 3, 4 (treas. 4); VALPO 2-4; Viking Press 4; Prince of Hearts; soccer 3, 4; AQEO.
 KRISTINE ANNE SCOTT — intra. 4; NHS 3, 4; pep club 2-4; softball 2, 3.
 BRITT SHARP — Vikettes 3, 4; student aid 3, 4.

BONNIE LYN SHOFFNER — Drama club 3, 4; for. exch. 4; NHS 4; YARC 3; football manager 4; SADD 4.
 ANGELA CHRISTINE SHOOK — intra. 3, 4; VICA 4.
 KELLY S. SHORT — VICA 4.
 LAURA MARIE SHURR — basketball 2, 3; track 2, 4; Cross Country 2-4; FCA 3; intra. 3, 4; for. exch. 4; NHS 4; stu. coun. 4; Valenian 4; Quill and Scroll 4; pep club 4; YARC 3; softball 3.
 CAROLYN ANNE SIMSON

ALICIA MICHELLE SKOLAK — intra. 3, 4; V-Teens 4; DECA 3; OEA 4 (Vice Pres).
 JEFFREY SCOTT SORPO — for. exch. 2; Viking Press 3; student aid 4.
 MICHAEL NEIL SPAGNA — wrestling 3, 4; intra. 2-4.
 DEANNE MARIE SPEJEWski — band 2-4; pep band 3; for. exch. 2, 3; Valenian 4; Viking Press 4; Quill and Scroll 4; pep club 2, 3; V-Teens 2-4 (Pres 4); stud. aide 4.

RICHARD D. SPENCER — football 2, 3.
 MICHAEL DAVID SPERRY
 MARK P. STANCZAK — football 2; wrestling 2, 4; weight. club 2-4; intra. 3; jazz ensemble 4; choir 4.
 RODERICK ARTHUR STANDIFORD — wrestling 2-4; intra. 3; stu. aide 2-4.
 NATALIE STEERE

MARK DAVID STEPHENS — track 2, 3; intra. 2-4; stud. aide 2-4.
 JENNIFER LEE STOCKSBURY — Vikettes 2-4 (squad leader 3, flag capt. 4); Stu/Fac Sen. 4; YARC 3, 4 (Sec. & Treas.); Explor. Teach. 4.
 YVETTE AIMEE STRAKA — intra. 2; stud. coun. 2.
 EVAN RENEE STRATTON
 RICHARD WILLIAM STROHL



Overseas

The Experience Of A Lifetime.

Letting your fingers do the walking is a simple way to order a pizza, but Valparaiso High School students were able to pick just as easily from the countries of the world by letting their fingers do the walking across the globe. Through the Youth for Understanding, Y.F.U., and Sports for Understanding, S.F.U., programs these students traveled to such countries as France, Italy and Australia.

The selection for these programs began in late September when interested students and their parents attended an informative meeting.

In November the applicants were interviewed by a group of eight to 10 community members who sponsor F.E.C. This interview decided if the student was selected for the program.

Y.F.U. arranged a family for the student to stay with. French speaking countries were harder

to get into and required early application. They also helped arrange transportation. Students who participated in S.F.U. had to apply through the Washington D.C. office. VHS students have participated in swimming, volleyball, track and basketball. The S.F.U. program did not have as much family contact as Y.F.U. because the students spent more time with the team.

Most of the students who participated in the program enjoyed and learned from it. Senior Rick Chrustowski who stayed in France explained, "I gained knowledge of the language and of different people and how they think. I would go back today if I could."

F.E.C. sponsor Wes Maier said that out of the 150 students VHS has sent abroad there have only been three or four negative experiences.

— Kristin Meyer

SENIOR LAURA GEISS, a Y.F.U. student last summer, stands at the corner of her host family's street in Seerhausen, Germany.

THE EIFFEL TOWER in Paris, France was a tourist attraction seen by many YFU and SFU students over the years.



TITUS TA-TEH TAN — tennis 2-4; FCA 4; intra 2, 3; for. exch. 2-4; NHS 3, 4; quiz bowl 3, 4 (vice pres); VALPO 2, 3; stud. coun. 4; V-Teens 4; acad. dec. 4.
 KATE TANNER — track 3; cross coun. 3; orch. 2-4; AB-State Orch. 2, 3; for. exch. 4; NHS 2, 4.
 WILLIAM MARTIN TAUCK — foot. 4; track 4; intra. 4.
 JOEL B. TAYLOR — Jr. Achiev. 2.
 LEANNE TERPSTRA

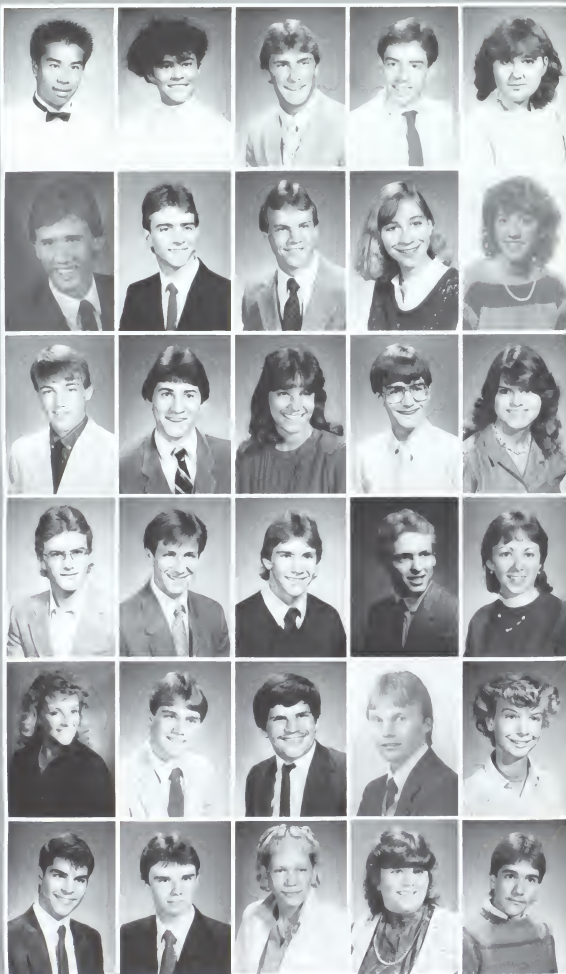
BILL JOHN THOMPSON — intra. 2, 3; band 2-4; Jazz Ens. 3, 4; Studio Band 2; Pep Band 2-4; Orch. 2; for. exch. 2, 3.
 JAMES JOHN TOBEY
 JON PAUL TRAPP — weight. club 2; intra. 2-4; student aid 2-4.
 REBEKAH R. TRUEMPER — band 2, 3; for. exch. 2-4; NHS 4; V-Teens 2.
 CASSANDRA L. TUCKER — cheerleading 2-4; intra. 4; pep club 2-4 (pres. 4); explor. teach. 4; SADD 3, 4 (sec.).

JAMES ROBERT TUDOR — baseball 2-4; intra 2-4; Jr. Achiev. 2; VICA 4; DECA 3.
 ROBERT JOSEPH ULMAN — track 2; Sound-Light Crew 2-4; VICA 3, 4.
 NATALIE ANNE VANGEL — intra. 3, 4; for. exch. 2-4; V-Teens 2, 3.
 MICHAEL GERARD VAN SYOC
 VERONICA LYNN VAS — swimming 2-4 (Team Cap. 4); intra. 3, 4; dom. exch. 4; NHS 3, 4; VALPO 3; Stu/Fac Sen. 3, 4 Sec. 4; YARC 3, 4 (Pres. 4); Acad. Deca. 4.

MARK ANTHONY VESELICA
 TODD PHILLIP WAGENBLAST
 JAMES B. WALLACE — baseball 2.
 GREGORY SCOTT WALLS
 LORI SUSAN WARDROP — symchr. swim 2; intra 2, 3; for. exch. 2-4; Viking Press 2; V-Teens 2.

KRISTA L. WATSON — volleyball 2; FCA 2, 3; intra. 2-4; for. exch. 2; pep club 2-4; V-Teens 3.
 JEFFREY THOMAS WEHNER — ICT 4.
 SEAN STEWART WEIDEMAN — VICA 4.
 J.T. WELLS — basketball 2, 3; intra 2-4; student aid. 4.
 ANNE WENTZEL — intra. 4; for. exch. 4; ski club 4; foreign exchange student from Germany.

JOHN THOMAS WESSEL — intra. 4; for. exch. 4; Latin club. 2.
 PATRICK JEFFREY WHALEN — golf. 2-4; intra. 2-4.
 KRISTI LEE WHITE
 LORI LYNN WHITE
 CLEMENT H. WHITLER — football 4; wrestling 3, 4; weigh. club 3, 4; VICA 3, 4.





DAVID ANDREW WICKERSHAM — football 2-4; wrestling 2-4; swim 4; stu. fac. sen. 4; ex. teach. 4; wrestling club 4.
MARY KATHERYNA WIENKE — OEA 4.
RANDALL JAMES WILLIAMS
JEFFREY ALAN WILLIAMSON — football 2, baseball 2-4; intra. 4.
DAVID STEVEN WODRICH — diving 2-4; VICA 4.

STEPHANIE ANNE WOOD — basketball 2-4; volleyball 2-4; FCA 2-4; FCA president 4; NHS 4; Valenian 3-4; Viking Press 2-4; Quill and Scroll 3-4; softball 2-4.
KATHERINE ANNE WOODRUFF — track 2-3; cross country 2; FAC 2-3; intra. 4; stu. council 3-4; pep club 2-4.
CHRISTINE MARIE KATHRYN WOODS — basketball 2-4; FCA 3-4; for. exch. 2-3; softball 2-4; softball manager 4.
GERRY A. WRIGHT — intra. 4; jr. ach. 4.
ROB WRIGHT

SUSIE YATES — jr. ach. 4; DECA 3-4; DECA sec. 3; DECA v. pres. 4.
MICHELLE LYNNE YODER — intra. 3; choir 3-4; pep club 3; ex. teach. 4.
BILL R. YOUNG — wrestling 2-4; VICA 3-4.
JONATHAN DAVID YOUNG — track 4; cross country 4; band 2-4; jazz ensemble 2-4; pep band 2-4; all state orchestra 4; for. exch. 2; YARC 3; acad. decath. 4; national honors orchestra 4; world affairs seminar 4.
DAVID KRAAY ZIEGERT — basketball 2; track 2-3; cross country 2-4; intra. 4; for. exch. 4; NHS 4.

LORI ZWIG



In Memoriam

ROBERT FARAHMAND —
Football 2, 3; Intramurals 3.

Aardema, Steve
Abbott, Alane
Abel, Dana
Abel, Jason
Acres, Teresa
Adney, Jeff
Ahlgren, Kim
Alexa, Dan

Ambelang, Kimi
Amelang, Mark
Amidei, Michael
Anderson, Craig
Badie, Daenen
Balla, Christopher
Bamesberger, Amy
Barber, Amy

Barfell, Kenny
Barone, Mike
Bartelmo, Tom
Bauer, James
Behrman, Catherine
Beiser, Stephen
Benedict, Brian
Benjamin, Debbie

Bernardi, Caty
Betjemann, Julia
Bielich, Mary
Bird, Patricia
Blaney, Jerry
Bodensteiner, Jill
Bowen, Julie
Bradley, Glenda

Brandy, Allan
Brewer, Paul
Brickley, Chris
Brooks, Nancy
Brown, Mike
Buls, Eric
Burris, Stephanie
Butler, Dennis

Byvoets, Sean
Campbell, Polly
Carey, Rachel
Carichoff, Karen
Carlos, Jewel
Carmichael, James
Carmona, Stacey
Carroll, Marcie

Castle, Scott
Charon, Jin Jin
Chester, Vicki
Chilian, Dirk
Choate, Laura
Cleis, Melissa
Clifford, Chad
Clouse, Duane

Cole, Lynnea
Collins, Clancy
Collins, Mike
Condie, Bruce
Condon, Mark
Cook, Michael
Cornell, Tiffany
Cornell, Becky



Juniors

Preparing For Change

Many students start thinking about prom around March — who to go with, what to wear, where to eat, etc. Junior class officers pres. Larry Wright, vice-pres. Mike Barone, secretary Cory Pinagatore, treasurer Andrew Griffin and their advisers Mara Fiegle-Hicks and Rhonda Yelton started thinking about prom long before March.

Meeting once or twice a month, the officers and advisers planned a variety of fund-raising activities such as the annual junior class car-wash, computer dating and sock-hops to help pay for the many expenses of prom, such as the music and decorations.

According to Fiegle-Hicks, ap-

proximately \$4,500 was spent on prom. The junior class and the officers were responsible for raising the money through fund-raisers and collecting \$5 junior class dues, and the price of prom tickets and guest passes.

Instead of the VHS gym, from 1986 on prom was to be held at the Porter County Expo center. The officers wanted to spend less money on decorations and put the money toward a buffet dinner, which would add an additional \$2-5 to the cost of the Prom ticket.

According to Cory, being a class officer was a lot of fun, but it was also a lot of hard work.

— Amy Davis



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS — Front Row: Cory Pinagatore, sec.; Andrew Griffin, treas. Back Row: Larry Wright, pres.; Mike Barone, v-pres.



Crowder, Mikal
Crowe, Jeff
Cuppy, Jennifer
Cuson, Elizabeth
Czyzk, Gail
Czap, Chris
Davenport, Kathy
Defler, David

DeMan, Dawn
DeMick, Kris
Dennis, Andrea
Desarro, Candy
Dimitri, Lisa
Dingwall, Leslie
Doelling, David
Dold, David

Doolittle, James
Dougherty, Wanda
Droege, Karla
Ducat, Robert
Ehlers, Roger
Eichberger, David
Eichmeier, Dan
Eleftheriou, Lucy

Elkins, Julie
Elkins, Marlene
Emerson, Robert
Engel, Mindy
Erspaner, Amy
Ezler, Elizabeth
Evansoff, Susan
Fancher, Teresa

Bands...

A Musical Outlet For Students

The locker of the average Valparaiso High School student was plastered with pictures of rock groups from Prince to U2. While most teenagers were interested in listening to music, some VHS students channeled their love for music from the passive listener to the active performer. At VHS, there were three main student rock bands, The Happy Bunch, This Dream Alice, and Visions.

Formed in 1984, Visions was the oldest band. Mike Moore, lead guitarist, said they sound "a little like the Cars and a little like Asia." The band covered a wide variety of music from rock to '50s. They played at sock-hops, local bars, weddings, dances and in 1986 they played prom. Making up to \$100 a weekend, Moore said, "It's great making money for having fun."

This Dream Alice, formerly Control, was another student band formed in the fall of 1984. They played at the Popcorn Festival, V.U., Ball State, and in Chicago. They played only their own songs and were interested more in their creative content. Ben Utley, guitarist, said, "We're not just playing guitars and making music, we're doing something

creative. Our music is like a mental connection, and I couldn't play with anyone else." They never played at VHS, and Utley says that people, "have a false impression that the band is depressing."

The newest band at VHS was the Happy Bunch. Formed quickly over the summer to play at a surprise party, this band played upbeat music, as their name implied. Some of their original songs were played on WVUR, the local college radio station, and the band performed at clubs and soc-hops. Andy Griffin, the band's drummer, said "We share a lot more than most bands. We're all friends and not just four guys playing, and even though we fight, all the bad times are overshadowed by playing out."

Being in a band, required a lot of work and dedication. Besides the fun of performing, there was also rehearsals, preparing for shows and recording. These were just some of the more difficult aspects of having a band. There was a lot more involved in making music than just turning on a switch and listening to it.

— Kristin Meyer



RICK ALLEN, PAUL Gold, and Mike Harting of Visions play at the American Legion.

THIS DREAM ALICE members Craig Anderson, Kelly Brandt, and Ben Utley performed at many various universities this year.

PLAYING AT THE Valparaiso University Union are Happy Bunch members Mike Moore and Chad Clifford.





Farnum, Victoria
Fengren, Billy
Finlay, Melissa
Fisk, Jim
Fletcher, Anne
Folke, Suzanne
Fratley, Jodi
Frame, Gregory

Frank, Christine
Freitag, Jason
Frieske, Karen
Fritts, Scott
Frye, Daniel
Gant, Kellie
Garner, James
Gerber, Doug

Gericke, Justin
Given, Elizabeth
Gold, Paul
Goodwin, Chad
Goodwin, Tami
Graham, Ronnie
Griffin, Andrew
Griffin, Nick

Gross, Kristin
Groves, Ken
Hadley, Joe
Hagerty, Jason
Hall, Jennifer
Hamacher, Dustin
Hancock, Todd
Hardebeck, Amy

Harden, Rodney
Hardick, Donna
Hardin, Gerald
Hartig, Mike
Haugh, Lesley
Henderson, Scott
Henson, Krista
Herrick, Karin

Hines, Jack
Hippner, Lisa
Hobson, Roger
Hofferth, Jessica
Hofferth, Kane
Hofmeier, Amy
Hollandsworth, Teresa
Hrapek, John

Huck, Loren
Hutton, Melissa
Iatridis, Mary
Jahr, Bruce
Jankowski, Angela
Jasnic, Jana
Jones, Mark
Jones, Paula

Kalina, Christine
Kaster, Michael
Keller, Darrell
Keller, Kaye
Kenney, Loreta
Kinney, Tammy
Klinedinst, Danny
Klinefelter, Michelle

Knights, Gregory
Knoerschild, Kerri
Koetke, Jill
Kolczak, Melanie
Kolman, David
Kopko, Nicholas
Krahl, Michelle
Kramer, Kathryn

Krayniak, Mike
Kuchaes, Darin
Kuehl, Charlene
Kuehl, Laura
Lagerstrom, Lara
Lambert, Michelle
Landsperger, Hugh
Largura, Burton

Larue, Eric
Lawrence, Jeff
Leffew, Jeff
Lemon, Lance
Lennex, Allison
Liabsasi, Teri
Long, Aaron
Loft, Kimberly

Macapagal, Mychel
Mack, Kevin
Macy, Randy
Mahoney, Tammy
Malters, Martha
Marcus, Mitch
Maritz, Joseph
Martz, Tracey

Masson, Scott
Masters, Beth
Mather, Mark
Maupin, Marcia
Maxey, Kevin
McAleer, Tracey
McAllister, Kathleen
McDermott, Tom

McDonald, Timothy
McKuen, Kelli
McLinn, Tonia
McMurtrey, Shelley
McNeil, Kim
McNulty, Paige
McQuillan, Patrick
Meyers, Craig

Miller, Alison
Miller, Carolyn
Miller, Kevin
Miller, Maria
Miller, Tim
Miller, Todd
Mings, Deanna
Mitchell, Colleen

Mitchell, Jeff
Monroe, Shannon
Moody, Elizabeth
Morris, Matt
Morrison, Bob
Mueller, Amy
Mully, Mary
Mullett, Julie





Murphy, Daniel
Murphy, Kelly
Mutka, Karen
Nay, Gerald
Neal, Ann
Newlin, Dan
Newlin, Doug
Nolan, Mickey

Nuechterlein, John
Nuest, Bonni
Nusbaum, Cathy
Oestreich, Julie
O'Kelly, Bryan
Olling, Stanley
Osterhout, Jeff
Page, Chris

Paris, Brian
Parker, Tammy
Parks, Larry
Patheja, Jaipal
Patrick, Kelly
Pavelka, Jerry
Pedavoli, Jennifer
Pence, Kimberley

Pessmeg, Rhonda
Peterson, Deana
Petro, Maureen
Peuquet, Kristin
Phillis, Anne
Phipps, Mike
Pikula, Troy
Pilz, Stephen

Pingatore, Corinne
Pishkur, John
Pittman, Tammy
Poff, Corealee
Polizotto, Brett
Porter, Robert
Pullins, Clayton
Randall, Brad

Rans, Peter
Razus, Yvonne
Reshkin, William
Rezabek, Jay
Reynolds, Kimberly
Rice, Dan
Risk, Michelle
Roberts, Susan

Robinson, Daniel
Robinson, Denise
Ronco, Jeff
Rupnow, Mark
Rushnok, Rebecca
Sanford, Amy
Sarafin, Chris
Satterlee, Anne

Scime, Mark
Scott, Tom
Schroeder, Jim
Schultz, Tricia
Schwartz, Stacy
Sensenbaugh, Jeffrey
Searles, Prudence
Seroczynski, Chris

Seward, Jennifer
Sherrick, Sherry
Shields, Ivy
Shinal, Robert
Shook, Julie
Shurte, Amy
Sier, Lori



Simpkins, Melissa
Sinclair, Lynne
Sirovica, Mark
Sisson, Melissa
Skrivan, Chris
Smaroff, Desiree
Smith, Jill



Smith, Michelle
Smith, Tricia
Soliday, Paul
Sorenson, M
Spencer, Daniel
Stanley, Kimberly
Staresina, Patrick



Steider, John
Stevenson, Robert
Stimmet, Rhonda
Stonebaker, Stacey
Stout, Shawn
Stowers, Kelli
Stratton, Paul



Sundwall, M
Sundorf, Jody
Sutte, M
Svetch, J
Szymanski, Mike
Tan, Timothy
Tapp, John



Taylor, Jackie
Thomas, Leanne
Timmons, Pamela
Triseik, George
Triseik, Ray
Troelsen, Andrew
Troman, Mike



Truitt, Bryan
Truong, Huong
Tucker, Jeff
Ulin, Janet
Vanderwijst, Angela
Varela, Linda
Veenstra, George



Vendi, Kristi
Versteeg, Elizabeth
Vinton, Kellie
Volk, Ted
Waisanen, Bryan
Walker, Charles
Walsh, John



Tunnel...

An Underground World Of Grafitti

Two students who will remain anonymous were hypothetically walking down the hall, under the pretense of retrieving some homework. While passing the door leading to the basement storage area known to most as the tunnel, they noticed it was suspiciously ajar. Taking advantage of the gross breach of school security, they peeked in. Then, as if possessed by some unknown force, they ran wildly down the tunnel with an insane desire to express their creativity. Amazingly enough, they discovered cans of spraypaint in their grasps. As the paint emerged in a fine stream, their names were enshrined as a permanent part of VHS folklore.

Although the actual purpose of the tunnel was to store excess desks and old dance props, students gave it a new usefulness. Names and sayings on the wall have annually increased since the school was built. The tunnel became as some students say, "the voice of the student body." The administration disagreed and wished that students would discontinue the practice which had become a tradition.

So although the doors remained locked, students still managed to find their way down and leave some part of themselves in the basement for future classes to ponder.

— Kristin Meyer



NAMES OF V.H.S. students, past and present, adorn the walls of "The Tunnel."



Ward, Robbie
Weeks, Tish
Welsh, Daniel
Whalms, Tammy
Wheeler, Karen
Wheeler, Kristin
White, Aimee

White, Julie
Whitler, Cheri
Wienke, Denise
Wilgus, Shelly
Will, Shawn
Willis, Jason
Wittlinger, Katie

Wojcik, Jennifer
Wolfe, Joshua
Wood, Carla
Wright, Larry
Yackley, Angela
Yates, Melinda
Yelkovic, Pete

Young, Stephen
Zierz, Heidi
Zimmerman, Kelly
Zimmerman, Tom
Zulich, Troy
Zweig, Philip

Adkins, Barbara Jo
Agnew, Todd
Ailes, Kristin
Alexander, Kenneth
Alexander, Shannon
Alexander, Sharon
Allen, Kimberly
Anderson, Shelby

Andrews, Sarah
Andrick, Donna
Anselm, Jeffrey
Antommaria, Angela
Armstrong, Scott
Arnold, James
Atha, Kris

Atkinson, Cheryl
Baldwin, Melissa
Baker, Amy
Baker, David
Baker, Jeff
Barker, Jennifer
Barnes, Robert
Barlett, Vince
Beach, Jeffery

Bean, Michael
Beeg, Erica
Bell, Laurie
Benke, Bryan
Bennett, Jill
Berner, Wendy
Beveridge, Ted
Bihlman, Scott

Blake, Michael
Bland, Erin
Boguslawski, Ann
Bolde, Mark
Betz, Pamela
Bonjean, Jennifer
Borchertmeyer, John
Bottos, Audrey

Bottos, Michael
Bowliby, Angela
Brady, Kathleen
Brennan, Karen
Bretzinger, Brian
Bretlich, Karen
Brobeck, Kathleen
Brobeck, Michael

Brown, Catherine
Brown, William
Bruder, Lori
Bryant, Jennifer
Bubik, Melissa
Bucher, Michael
Buchmeier, Matt
Buck, Carrie

Burk, Lori
Campbell, Kelly
Campbell, Scott
Carlson, Tara
Carmichael, Jeffrey
Carrell, Daniel
Carter, Jean
Carter, Tammy



Sophomores

Ready For Progress

Representing a class of approximately 450 students is a big responsibility, and pres. Matt Krynski, vice pres. Trish Landstrom, sec. Stacey Gengo, and treas. Kim Sovich take the job seriously.

"Being a class officer means a lot to me. I feel like whatever I do reflects on my class. I try to represent my class and school in every way I can. I know that my experience as the president of the sophomore class will help me greatly in the future, and I'm very thankful to the council and the school for that," said Matt.

According to Trish, the soph. officers main job is moral support for the upperclassmen officers. The soph. officers thought of several ideas which were put to work in various junior and senior

activities.

"The only big thing (we did) was the Christmas dance," she added.

Meeting twice a month with their advisor Todd Bennethum, the officers discussed ideas for student, faculty, and community relations. Headed by senior council members, these committees worked on various projects to help in the relationships between VHS students and faculty, and among members of the community. At least three ideas were suggested at each meeting, and one was put to work each month. Some of the projects were the Lock-in and the Valentines Day hearts that decorated the student commons and teachers lounge.

— Amy Davis



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS — Front Row, Stacey Gengo, sec.; Kim Sovich, treas. Back Row, Matt Krynski, pres.; Trish Landstrom, vice pres.



Cartwright, Tony
Casbon, Carrissa
Casbon, Jason
Casbon, Kristin
Casto, Carole
Cavanaugh, Brad
Clark, Jamie
Clausen, John

Cleaveland, Darin
Cline, Jonathan
Coates, Stacy
Colby, Lynn
Cole, Christopher
Cole, James
Cole, Laura
Collins, Kristine

Condie, Lara
Crawford, Kathleen
Crownover, Melissa
Curts, Jennifer
Czap, Stacie
Dahlgren, Andrew
Davidson, Robert

Daxe, Jeffrey
Dennington, Jeffrey
Dennis, Holly
Derucki, Jason
Deuberry, Julie
Doelling, Amy
Doner, Jennifer
Doolittle, Cole

Studying

Learning It's A Fact Of Life

After a typical day at Valparaiso High School, Joe student comes home and decides to start on some of his homework. Unfortunately this is one of those nights he has homework in every class.

Nonetheless, Joe student decides to work in order of his classes. He goes to his room, sits at his desk and begins reading the assignment. Shortly after he starts his seat becomes hard and uncomfortable, so he decides to try lying down where he might be able to read better.

Lying down is more comfortable which makes the reading even harder. Joe student begins to feel drowsy, so he walks over to the stereo and puts on his loudest record. He succeeds in staying awake but is soon engrossed in his music and loses interest in his homework. It's definitely time for a break.

Joe student goes downstairs and realizes he has some time before dinner he grabs a snack.

He heads back to his room, slightly enervated.

With the music still on he finishes part of his homework before his mom calls him for dinner. He finishes dinner and goes back to his room to finish his homework.

After a while Joe student goes downstairs to get a drink and passes the television set. The "Cosby Show" is on. He tells himself he'll only watch until the next commercial, but at the end of the commercial he's still there. The show ends and he forces himself to go back to studying. But first he'll call his girlfriend.

After an hour he's back to studying on his bed. Even with the music on the words are hypnotic and he loses concentration. It's no use; sleep takes over. The rest of the chapter will have to be learned by osmosis. He falls asleep with his homework half finished.

Marilyn Burton



GETTING TO SCHOOL early gives Dawn Fitzer a chance to sit at her locker and finish her homework.

DURING STUDY HALL Eric Lawrance goes to the library to sit in a comfortable chair to study.

STACEY CARMONA FINISHES her homework while Stephanie Burns gets her books before the bell rings.





Doolittle, Cole
Dorris, Sharon
Dres, Gus
Dufallo, Mark
Dygart, Jeffrey
Eberhardt, Lori
Edington, Edward
Ehlers, Lucille

Eichberger, Christa
Eichhorn, Melinda
Eleftheriou, Effie
Ellsworth, Scott
Emshwiller, Michael
Engel, Jeffrey
Epple, Lisa
Erdelac, Dana

Esslinger, Christine
Evans, Eric
Evans, Marcia
Evans, Sarah
Evans, Stacey
Fausser, Diana
Fayard, Michelle
Federman, Allen

Ferguson, Troy
Fetla, Kenneth
Fiegle, Thomas
Fierst, Heather
Fischer, Bret
Fischer, Sarah
Fisher, Mark
Fitzpatrick, William

Fletcher, Julie
Flynn, Elizabeth
Forker, Erin
Forsythe, Scott
Fortune, Corey
Foster, Joe
Frangis, Angela
Frey, Carl

Frobish, Karen
Fuller, Janet
Gamblin, Karen
Gast, Steven
Gear, Curtis
Geer, Camie
Gengo, Stacey
Gerzmea, Joe

Gill, Debbie
Gilliam, Jeffery
Goldstein, Mark
Gorski, Magdalene
Gott, Kimberly
Grabowski, Bernard
Graham, Jody
Gray, Tonya

Gray, William
Groark, April
Gross, Sherri
Grote, Micheal
Hagstrom, Joanna
Hamacher, Marc
Hamilton, Calvin
Hamilton, Christine

Harper, Jesse
Harrington, Matthew
Hartwig, Kristin
Hathaway, Michael
Haughton, Cynthia
Heath, Jeff
Hebert, Tom
Heinold, Melinda



Heize, Edward
Henderson, Jennifer
Hendrickson, Tammy
Henriques, Steph
Hensel, Tina
Herma, Jacqueline
Herma, John
Hernandez, Robert



Herring, Chad
Hersemann, Susan
Higbie, Jennifer
Highlan, Jodi
Highland, Laura
Hitzley, John
Hofferth, Elizabeth
Homan, Lori



Hood, Jeff
Horsley, Clarke
Horion, Jodi
Horion, John
Howard, Jennifer
Howe, Shannon
Hughes, Kevin
Huntton, Anthony



Hoskins, Laura
Huttinger, Jeffrey
Ilgenfritz, Jody
Janowski, James
Jeselski, Thomas
Jewell, Jason
Johann, Andrew
Johnson, James



Johnson, Laura
Johnson, Sara
Johnson, Steven
Johnson, Tricia
Jones, Belinda
Jones, Colleen
Jones, Dannielle
Jones, Kevin



Jordan, Lori
Juskak, Todd
Kellogg, Heidi
Kelly, David
Kelly, Scott
Kerley, Ann
Kickbush, Katrina
Kim, Jeanne



King, Anthony
Kinsey, Heather
Kirk, Susan
Klemz, Douglas
Klett, Heidi
Klinedinst, Todd
Krayniak, Michelle
Kroeger, Paul





Krysinski, Matthew
Kovalick, Kurt
Kugler, Janice
Kush, Matthew
Lackey, Jody
Landsperger, Nicky
Landstrom, Tricia
Langer, Stephanie

Langley, Barry
Largura, Susanne
Lanier, Penny
LaRue, Daniele
Law, Joanna
Lawrence, Rob
Leach, Donna
Leetz, Mark

Leib, Wendy
Letnich, Anthony
Leverich, Laura
Leveritt, Traci
Lewis, Jeffrey
Litzkow, Julianne
Loft, Gretchen
Maack, Jason

MacLennan, Sara
Madden, Stacey
Magnetti, Robert
Mayers, Lora
Mallett, Heather
Mannell, Stephanie
Manning, Thomas
Marimon, Jill

Marshall, Anne
Massa, Melissa
Martin, Meghan
Matthews, Cindy
McBride, Kelley
McCuddy, Sherri
McDermott, Kellie
McGill, Shelley

McLane, Frederick
McLean, Lisa
McMillan, Brian
McQuillan, Ellen
Meeker, Jamie
Melton, Frank
Meyers, Tammy
Miller, Christopher

Miller, David
Miller, Teri
Mitol, Jennifer
Monroney, John
Mooney, Jacqueline
Mooney, Kristen
Moore, Jeffrey
Morgan, Carl

Mueller, Steven
Mutka, Sarah
Nagel, Heidi
Newlin, John
Newsom, Scott
Norris, Jennifer
Nover, Brett
Oestreich, Michelle



JUNIOR ANDY GRIFFIN wears a T-shirt from a concert well-attended by VHS students. U2's two shows in the Chicago area at the Aragon ballroom and the UIC Pavilion were big events for students.

THE HOLIDAY STAR Theatre in Merrillville is a spot to see acts on their way to the big time. It was also a good way for students to see concerts if their parents hated to see them drive into Chicago.

WHILE DRAWING A layout in Valerian class, junior Karen Mutka shows off a T-shirt from an O.M.D. concert at Cabaret Metro in Chicago. Small clubs, like the Metro were popular places to see shows.

Concerts...

Students Thrive On Live

People are crammed together, shoulder to shoulder, the heat is stifling, the noise deafening and the tension almost unbearable. Suddenly, the lights go off the crowd roars, and out of the darkness the music begins. Although to some people this does not sound pleasant, many VHS students wait in lines, travel long distances and spend a great deal of money to go to concerts.

The average high school student spends a large amount of time listening to music with radios, movies, and TV bombarding us, music was almost unavoidable. Because of Valpo's location near Chicago, students attended more concerts than less fortunate

high school students. Some people, especially parents, question the purpose of spending up to \$40 on a ticket, T-shirt and transportation to hear music they could listen to at home. But as senior Kate Douglas said, "The music has more emotion live and it seems like they're singing to you and not to millions of other people."

Groups as diverse as the Alarm and ZZ Top performed in the area this year, and although people may have disagreed on the type of music which is best, almost everyone agreed that going to concerts was, "A bash."

— Kristin Meyer





Owens, Monica
Parker, Christopher
Parker, Dwayne
Parker, Dwight
Parker, John
Patrick, Charles
Patrick, Melissa
Pawlak, Sherri

Perez, Scott
Periolet, Catherine
Perrine, David
Perrow, Leslie
Petcu, Lee
Peters, Deanna
Peters, William
Peterson, Deborah

Phillips, Maria
Phillips, Shawn
Phipps, Michele
Pierce, David
Pitt, Julie
Pizzuti, Valerie
Poff, Leanne
Polarek, Robert

Pomeroy, Eric
Pomianowski, Lisa
Porsch, Christopher
Potrebic, Ron
Poulos, Steve
Prassas, Peter
Pressel, Cindie
Prosser, Catherine

Prucinsky, Matthew
Ramirez, Angie
Raymond, David
Redick, Jaben
Reggie, Peter
Reinert, Todd
Reno, Kelly
Rettinger, Philip

Reynolds, Wes
Richards, Robert
Richeson, Renee
Riley, Steven
Risk, Robert
Robertson, Dawn
Robertson, Norman
Rogers, Richard

Ronda, Leanne
Rozditsky, Raul
Ruble, Marla
Rusnak, Stephen
Ryan, Penelope
Schmitt, Cynthia
Schneeegas, Angela
Scholl, Andrew

Scholl, Todd
Schultz, Barbara
Schultz, Robert
Schumate, Irene
Schwab, Mark
Scott, Karen
Seeley, Marc
Seramur, Dennis

Seroczynski, Kelly
Serrano, Edward
Shilander, Robert
Short, Billy
Shurr, Barbara
Shurr, Susan
Sier, Rani
Silhavy, Thomas

Simpkins, Tina
Sleaze, Heather
Small, Thomas
Smaroff, Duke
Smith, Curtis
Smith, Hugh
Smith, Michael
Snider, Stephanie

Snyder, Janean
Snyder, Leesa
Sovich, Kathy
Sovich, Kimberly
Speckhard, Peter
Standford, Cynthia
Stanier, Jennifer
Stephens, Theresa

St. Jacques, Dawn
Stout, Jennifer
Stover, Dawn
Strikwerda, Rob
Sullivan, Brian
Sullivan, Dennis
Sullwold, Gregory
Swisher, Kenya

Tanner, Amy
Taylor, Glenn
Taylor, Kenard
Telschow, Jason
Thayer, Tanya
Thiry, Allison
Tobey, Rebecca
Tolan, Ann

Trost, Thomas
Tsoutsouris, Wolfgang
Ulanowicz, Karen
Underwood, Lori
Urbanzyk, Sheila
Utterback, Matthew
Vaca, Daniel
Valpatic, Brian

Van Dam, Robert
Van Denburgh, Becky
Vanderwijst, Kim
Vandy, Eric
Vaughn, Richard
Ventura, Paul
Vernich, Dean
Vernich, Denise

Volk, Brian
Wagenblast, Laurie
Waiman, Paul
Walesh, Jill
Walker, Mark
Wall, David
Wall, Dianna
Wall, Hugh



Murphy's Law

"One Of Those Days"

It was Murphy who said, "If anything can go wrong, it will." And as all humans know, truer words were never spoken.

To err is human, but it seems that computers have also been granted that divine right. Many things at VHS are run by computers, including the hallway lights. Somehow the lights manage to stay on most of the hour and then turn off the moment class is dismissed, making it nearly impossible to work the combination locks on the lockers, or to retrieve a lost item in the back of a locker.

The clocks at VHS have most students and faculty totally confused. It has been possible for a student to leave A101 at 10:28,

struggle with his locker combination several times, search for a pen with ink that is still liquid, find a bathroom stall with more than one sheet of toilet tissue in it, and still manage to arrive in room C227 at 10:27. So much for the accuracy of Viking Time.

School scale. Two words dreaded by every student. Most students would agree that it is frustrating to receive an 83%, C, from a teacher using school scale and an 82% B- from a teacher who uses the straight scale.

High school is a time for teenagers to come to terms with many things, including the fact that Murphy's Law rules the world.

— Amy Davis



BILL "DOC" BOYLE creates his own version of Viking Time to add to the confusion.



Wallace, Julie
Walls, Doug
Warrenburg, Barry
Watson, William
Weigus, Erin
Weiler, Jerome
Wells, Cynthia
West, Shayne

West, Victoria
White, Michele
Williams, Jennifer
Williams, Shawn
Williams, Stephen
Williams, Theresa
Woodruff, Patrick
Woods, Jon

Woodyard, Melody
Worden, Carole
Worline, Floyd
Wright, Jennifer
Wright, Kathleen
Wright, Kimberly
Williams, Michael
Yates, Christine

Young, Todd
Yuriga, Valerie
Zackiewicz, Richard
Zoladz, Traci

DR. DAVID BESS is busy at work with one of his many administrative duties as the new principal.

ALONG WITH HIS duties as assistant principal, Robert Sutton keeps his schedule filled as student activities director.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL BOB Sutton supervises activities at the V.H.S. pool during the Student Council/S.A.D.D. lock-in.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, R. James Risk had a heavy workload in 1986 as he finalized the planning behind moving the freshmen to the high school and the changes in the middle schools.



New Recruit

Dr. David Bess: Principal

Valparaiso High School's newest recruit, Dr. David Bess, took on the role of manager i.e. principal in 1986. VHS already had a winning record, so Bess' immediate goal was to analyze the current situation at the school and see where it could be made better.

"There's always room for improvement," cited Dr. Bess.

In order to get a feel for what was going on, Bess spent a great deal of time interacting with students in the hallways and at extracurricular activities.

Another advantage of getting out of the office and onto the field was the opportunity to appreciate the good things going on at VHS after dealing with the school's day to day problems.

Bess realized without taking time

to notice the good things, he could be easily overwhelmed by the bad and become suspicious of the students.

"I like to give everyone the benefit of the doubt," explained Bess.

Acting as a catalyst was another of Bess' many duties. Although the various departments did the actual revising of their programs, they were often initiated by the principal. However, it was made very clear that he was open to the opinions of teachers and students alike.

Valparaiso was everything Bess expected it to be. With the community's support and the general strive toward excellence, VHS would continue to be a "shining star" under the supervision of Principal Dr. David Bess.

— Elise Daxe and Laura Shurr



C.J. DOANE, assistant principal, also takes care of disciplinary action for the underclassmen.

SCHOOL BOARD — FRONT row: Mary Moore, Arnold Brown, Dr. Robert Koenig. Back row: Joseph Black, Robert Malakowski.

GARTH JOHNSON takes over the job of assistant superintendent in his first year of retirement as principal.



Second choices

Were Surprisingly Different From Teaching

Although most of the teachers at VHS enjoy their current profession, many of them have entertained thoughts of different careers at one time or another. This fictitious commentary is based on teacher's responses about what could have been . . .

Full count. Charles Geiss winds up in preparation to pitch his awesome fastball. He glares into the batter's eyes as he hurls the rawhide covered cork across the plate. Strike three, batter's out.

Charles Stanier jumps up to cheer as his favorite team wins the game. Although Stanier enjoys eyeing fastballs at the baseball diamond, he'd rather eye women from atop the horses at his dude ranch in Colorado.

Far from Colorado, in Lebanon, Sidney Reggie mounts not a horse, but a camel. The Lebanese

camel driver will take you on a trip for a small fee.

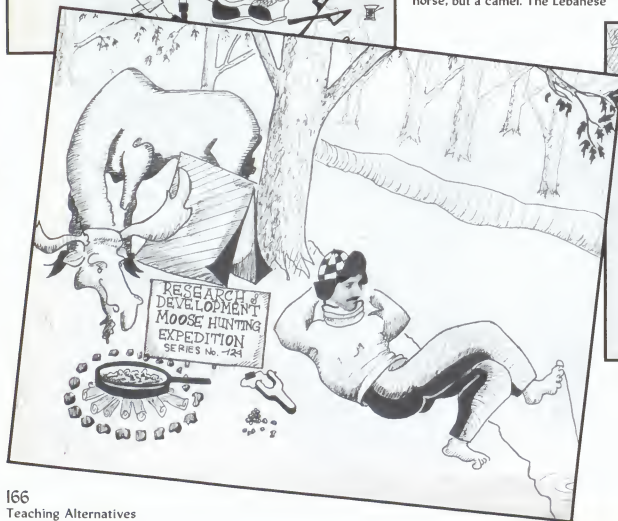
Back in the states, not riding animals, but caring for them is Dr. John Cook, veterinarian. Although he runs a general practice, his speciality is pig care.

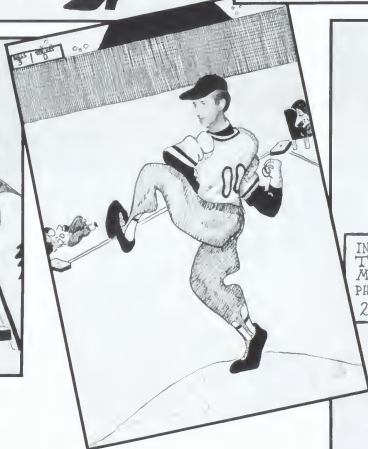
Much to the despair of animal lover Dr. Cook, Hunter Todd Benethum makes his living shooting Caribou and fishing in the Himalayas.

Kurt Anderson also shoots as a profession, but not at animals. He shoots photographs for TIME/LIFE Magazine. He shoots models like Marcia Arnold. She first appeared on the cover of the May 1985 swimsuit issue.

In reality, however, these characters are employed as teachers at VHS and are enjoying their jobs.

— Elise Daxe and Laura Shurr







SUPERVISING THE ANNUAL FCA Chili Supper is club sponsor Dale Ciciora. Ciciora also served as the girls' head basketball coach; however, he opted to retire after his 30th season.

SPIRITED FACULTY MEMBERS dress as "Blues Brothers" in preparation for the boys' state football game.



Teachers

Also A Part Of The Human Race

teach-er (tee char) n. (student definition):

1. one who stands before a group of listless students, attempting to convey information that is pertinent to everyday life.

2. One who lives, eats, sleeps and drinks education daily.

Contrary to popular belief teachers did get just as excited when school was called off for a snow day, as students did. As teachers, they feel that they must uphold their reputations by showing no emotion when, outside their windows, a tremendous blizzard is threatening to shorten the school day, while on the inside they are just as anxious as pupils to break the monotony of the long school year.

Staff members at VHS could frequently be seen on spirit days participating in the same off-the-wall antics as the students did. They enjoyed stepping down from the authoritative positions to have a little fun and to get closer to their students.

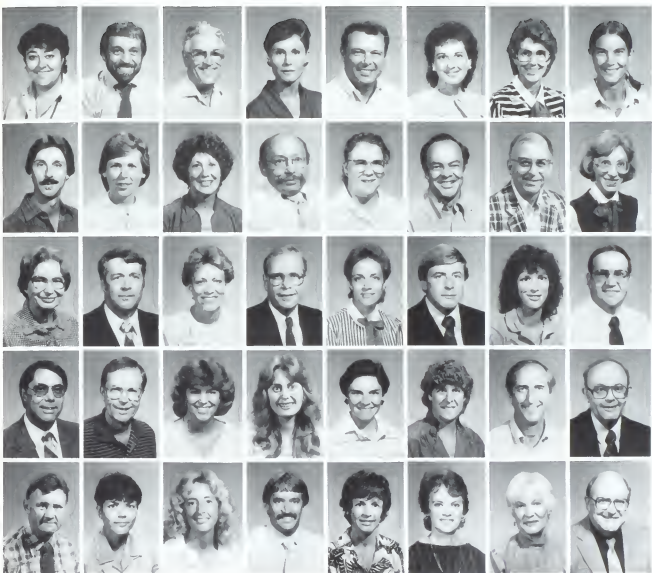
Vice Principal Robert Sutton said most of the non-faculty staff members show a lot of spirit also. Few students realized that the school was really being run by the "Blues Brothers" until the week of the state football game when numerous staff members came to school sporting gangster hats and dark sunglasses.

In recent years the faculty has planned a talent show for staff and faculty members and their spouses only, proof that teachers do have a social life.

There were two acts which stood out for most. The first was a performance by Principal Dr. David Bess and Sutton called "Dancing Water."

"All I can say is that there was dancing and there was water flying everywhere," laughed Sutton. He also said that although the performance may not have been expected from the two sometimes 'you just have to let your hair down.'

— Elise Daxe



Sally Altus
Kurt Anderson
John Angus
Marcia Arnold
Ben Austin
Cheryl Bagnall
Anne Baker
Nancy Bender

Todd Bennethum
Janice Bergeson
Elaine Bever
Charles Bird
Liz Brown
William Boyle
Robert Cain
Donna Calzacorto

Katherine Clark
Zane Cole
Dawn Collins
Skip Collins
Judy Commers
John Cook
Lorie Cook
Terry Cox

Don Dick
Glen Ellis
Lisa Engen
Mara Fiegle-Hicks
Debbie Fray
Alice Gambel
Charles Geiss
Dean Gerber

Dale Gott
Vella Greco-Anderson
Nancy Grieger
Jerry Hager
Elizabeth Hall
Carolyn Hardebeck
Jean Heckman
Jack Hildreth

ALTUS, Sally: Spanish. ANDERSON, Kurt: art, photography. ANGUS, John: industrial vocational dept., VICA sponsor. ARNOLD, Marcia: Spanish; student faculty senate; FEC sponsor. AUSTIN, Ben: science dept. chairperson; student faculty senate; quiz bowl sponsor. BSNAGNALL, Cheryl: home economics chairperson. BAKER, Anne: sociology, economics; parent-faculty steering committee. BENDER, Nancy: social studies dept. chairperson; domestic exchange, faculty advisory committee; girls' golf coach. BENNETHUM, Todd: science, student council sponsor; student faculty senate sponsor; girls, softball coach. BERGESON, Janice: science, parent-faculty advisory committee; NHS committee; academic decathlon coach. BEVER, Elaine: guidance counselor. BIRD, Charles: English; boy's swimming coach. BROWN, Liz: media specialist. BOYLE, William: science, intramural football and basketball director. CAIN, Robert: art; Boys' golf coach. CALZACORTO, Donna: business. CLARK, Katherine: English; VALPO chairperson; parent-teacher advisory committee. COLE, Zane: industrial vocational dept. chairperson, ICT-VICA sponsor; JV baseball coach. COLLINS, Dawn: PVE dept., YARC sponsor. COLLINS, Skip: English; boys' varsity basketball coach. COMMERS, Judy: business, DECA advisor. COOK, John: physical education, wrestling coach; ass't football coach. COOK, Lorie: Physical education; girls' gymnastics coach. COX, Terry: social studies; ass't football coach. DICK, Don: guidance director; faculty advisory committee; parent-teacher advisory committee. ELLIS, Glen: math dept. chairperson; independent study committee; NHS committee; faculty advisory committee. ENGEN, Lisa: French. FIEGLE-HICKS, Mara: math; junior class sponsor. FRAY, Debbie: German; ass't track coach; parent-teacher advisory committee. GAMBEL, Alice: speech and theatre, drama club sponsor; Thespian sponsor; intramural skiing sponsor. GEISS, Charles: foreign language dept. chairperson; ass't baseball coach. GERBER, Dean: learning center director; VALPO committee; NHS committee. GOTT, Dale, math, physical education, JV football coach; intramural tennis director. GRECO, Vella; business dept. chairperson; domestic exchange sponsor. GRIEGER, Nancy: physical education; ass't girls' track coach. HAGER, Jerry: PVE dept chairperson. HALL, Elizabeth: English; V-Teens sponsor. HARDEBECK, Carolyn: French. HECKMAN, Jean: English; NHS sponsor; student faculty senate. HILDRETH, Jack: guidance counselor.

Lenore Hoffman
Mark Hoffman
Frank Horvath
Greg Jones
David Kenning
Mark Knauff
Ruth Laube
Lance Leach



Judith Lebrky
Brenda Lott
Patricia Mack
Joan Mahoney
Wesley Maers
Cynthia Manilardi
James McMichael
Jean Miller



Martin Miller
Robert Miller
Richard Mitchell
Diane Moryl
Patrick Murphy
George Nash
Lance Nolting
John Pinkerton



Daniel Pritchett
Robert Punter
A.T. Rasmussen
Sidney Reggie
Lewis Rhinehart
Don Scott
Cynthia Stalbaum
Charles Stanier



Mary Kay Stephan
Nancy Walsh
Ruth Williamson
Rhonda Yelton
Cheryl Younger
Susan Zulich



HOFFMAN, Lenore: English. HOFFMAN, Mark: health and safety; substance abuse; head football coach, ass't track coach, intramural director, SADD sponsor, weightlifting club, parent-teacher advisory committee. HORVATH, Frank: industrial arts, VICA sponsor. JONES, Greg: English, Valerian/Viking Press adviser, journalism, Quill and Scroll sponsor, speech team sponsor. KENNING, David: electronics, ass't girls' basketball coach, VICA sponsor. KNAUFF, Mark: math, business girls' volleyball coach, ass't track coach. LAUBE, Ruth: typing. LEACH, Lance: business. LEBRYK, Judith: English dept. chairperson, NHS sponsor, faculty advisory committee, VALPO committee, independent programming study. LOTT, Brenda: psychology, sociology, FEC sponsor, independent programming study. MACK, Patricia: math, parent-teacher advisory committee. MAHONEY, Joan: Spanish, cheerleading sponsor. MAIERS, Wesley: math, FEC sponsor. MANILARDI, Cynthia: special education. MCMICHAEL, James: guidance counselor, parent-teacher advisory committee. MILLER, Jean: Latin, English, Latin club, IPS committee. MILLER, Martin: social studies; student faculty senate, NHS committee. MILLER, Robert: director of band and orchestra, faculty advisory committee. MITCHELL, Richard: math, ass't football coach. MORYL, Diane: English. MURPHY, Patrick: social studies, varsity baseball coach, ass't football coach. NASH, George: commercial food service, food service director, intramural skiing sponsor. NOLTING, Lance: industrial arts, JV tennis coach. PINKERTON, John: English, student faculty senate. PRITCHETT, Daniel: band, math, jazz ensemble, marching band and studio band director. PUNTER, Robert: math, JV boys' basketball coach. RASMUSSEN, A.T.: science, cross country coach, track and field coach, FCA sponsor. REGGIE, Sidney: American foreign policy. RHINEHART, Lewis: German, sophomore basketball coach. SCOTT, Don: math. STALBAUM, Cynthia: business, OEA sponsor. STANIER, Charles: social studies. STEPHAN, Mary Kay: home economics. WALSH, Nancy: physical education dept. chairperson, girls athletic director, faculty advisory committee. WILLIAMSON, Ruth: business, foreign travel committee, independent study committee. YELTON, Rhonda: math, junior class sponsor, parent-teacher advisory committee. YOUNGER, Cheryl: science, JV girls' tennis coach. ZULICH, Susan: paraprofessional for learning disabled. NOT PICTURED: BUTT, Bernard: choral, carolers swing choir. CICIORA, Dale: social studies; girls' varsity basketball coach. FCA sponsor. EHRENBERG, Mary: English, speech, speech team sponsor, student faculty senate, parent-teacher advisory committee. HILDRETH, Doris: health sciences, school nurse, VICA sponsor.

Relations

Students/And Faculty Aim To Improve

Student Council realized a need to improve faculty and student relations this year. To aid in fulfilling this need, the Student/Faculty Relations Committee was formed. Chaired by Mike Neis, the committee met once a month on Thursday mornings before school.

After a slow start, the committee finally got on its feet in the spring with an Easter project. Although janitors do most of the dirty work around the school, the Student/Faculty committee noticed the janitors only got a small amount of recognition and thanks for their efforts. The committee decided that it was time for the appreciation of the students to be shown. Easter baskets were put together by the

students and distributed among the janitorial staff.

"We felt that the janitors of our school were really doing a super job for us and it was time to let them know we've appreciated it," stated Neis.

"I've been in other schools that are really dirty," added one senior, "but ours never is. They sweep the halls between every hour."

Although the committee would have liked to accomplish more this year, the Easter baskets provided a good starting point for the future of the committee and its main goal: To improve relationships between the faculty and the student body.

— Laura Shurr



BILL "DOC" BOYLE laughs as he helps a student during the annual physics bridge building contest.

AT A MEETING of the student-faculty senate, Bob Sutton sits on Mark Kleehammer's lap as he works to improve student-teacher relations.



IN A FIT of laughter, main office secretary Pat Higbie answers one of the many daily phone calls to V.H.S.



Ask You Know Who. For Supplies, Scissors, Etc . . .

"Go ask the secretaries for some scissors."

"Where can I find some tape? Oh, I know! I'll ask the secretaries."

Although most people count on the secretaries for little odds and ends they have many other important tasks that keep the school functioning. For example, they spend many hours typing and keeping files in order. They take care of all phone calls and keep track of the administrator's appointments.

Even though they take care of these and many other jobs, they still have time to aid the students with many "trivial" problems. In the guidance office, one can get help with finding out what certain colleges have to offer. Sharon Nuppnau in the career center is also very helpful when trying to decide upon colleges. Students could fill out a form telling the preferences they had about college. Nuppnau enters the information into a central computer

and the output is a list of all the colleges that meet the given requirements.

Along with helping the administrators and the students with various tasks, the secretaries also keep staff morale up with decorations according to the seasons. Some examples of these decorations are paper easter eggs over Easter, jack o' lanterns in October, and leprechans on March 17. These decorations break the monotony of everyday work.

A special personality is needed to be a high school secretary. High school secretaries must be able to deal with students on an everyday basis along with handling the pressures of their jobs.

"I enjoy helping the students. It's one of the brighter aspects of my job," noted registrar Edie Gee.

"The students are what makes the job interesting," added Gretel Bondi, aide.

— Laura Shurr



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Fan Support

Marylou Retton plugged everything from batteries to fast food. Michael Jordan became synonymous with Nike's Air Jordan's. During NFL football games, the beer commercials numbered in the thousands. Inevitably, all those commercials got a bit tiresome after a while, but when Mean Joe Green threw his jersey to the little boy in exchange for a Coke, it seemed at least tolerable. Athletes and advertising worked together for mutual benefits and everyone felt good about the outcome.

In the same way, Valparaiso High School and the community complemented each other. With so many students earning and spending money at businesses from downtown to the Seat, constant interaction occurred. Students even became spokespeople when the common refrain of "Where did you get that? I must have one" was heard in the bathroom.

Just like athletes, we were paralyzed without Fan Support. Our fans, the Valpo community, derived amusement from hearing about our prowess on the athletic fields and our successes in academic challenges. They supported us by making Valpo a community where public education stood a chance at success.

We held up our end of the deal with our purchasing power. Dreams became reality when we had money from jobs or healthy allowances. After all, Hollywood spent millions making movies they thought could bring in our entertainment dollars, and when we weren't spending our own money, we were spending our parents', or at least influencing where they spent it. We had come a long way from the days of staring longingly at the toy pages of the Sears catalog. Give a teenager some cash, and IT'S A WHOLE NEW BALLGAME.

— Gina Fattore



SOPHOMORE AUDREY BOTTOS and boys' varsity basketball coach Skip Collins work against a backdrop of signs meant to inspire the team. In support of VHS basketball, local merchants displayed these signs throughout the season.

VALPARAISO HIGH SCHOOL students congregate on Lincolnway in front of Sievers Pharmacy during the Popcorn Festival held September 7, 1985. Business in town supported community events as well as school-related activities.





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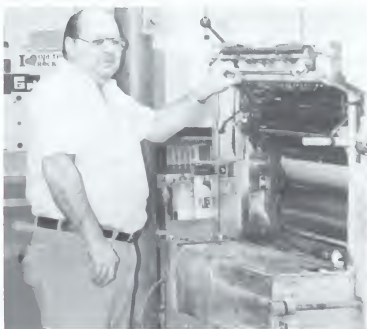
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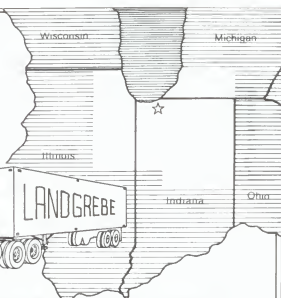
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Betty Parkes, a former J.C. Penney employee for 15 years at Valparaiso's branch was quite disappointed to hear of the closing. Penney's had been a part of downtown since 1926 and closed on July 26, 1986. Parkes believed that much of their business had been taken to the nearby malls. She claimed, "They helped push us out of downtown Valpo."

Barbara St. Clair who had worked at J.C. Penney for 14 years also believed the malls were "taking control" of downtown.

Beck said that students, especially, "all have a certain style." Teenagers bought mostly jeans and casual clothing at Penney's according to Beck.

Some people may not consider the mall to be only a shopping center, but also a social center. St. Clair felt the same about stores in town, though. She said, "We got to know everyone that worked here, because it's a small store. We also got to know faithful customers."

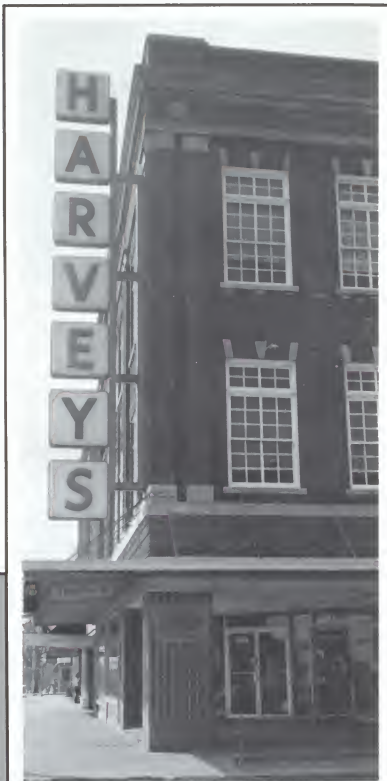
"Teenage" clothing stores and fast food place had not hurt Penney's business Parkes felt. She admitted that "teenagers need some place to go."

St. Clair claimed that she only "uses it as a last resort. I only go there if I can't find what I want here in town."

— Amy Sanford



J.C. Penney was one of the many downtown stores that disappeared due to competition with the major malls. Students used to shop the downtown J.C. Penney store for mostly for jeans and casual clothes.



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Staff Survives

To try to summarize the traumas and triumphs of an entire year at Valenian Headquarters would be a lesson in futility. The two editors suffered occasional bouts with the "If you want anything done right around here, you have to do it yourself" syndrome, and some of the staff were plagued by the Scarlett O'Hara, "I'll think about that tomorrow" syndrome.

However, on certain days, the working spirit was in the air at AIOL, and not a single staffer even had time to run upstairs for a pop. When we actually got to see, for the first time, what this crazy yearbook was going to look like, we felt pretty proud for a bunch of amateurs. Even with the guidance of yearbook pro Greg Jones, we sometimes worried about leading an inexperienced staff through the jungle of yearbook journalism.

It would be pointless to try to thank all the people who helped in the production of the book. Let us just say thanks to the efforts and understanding of countless people, we survived the year, and it wasn't too terrible. We can't say yet how the fruits of our labors will be received by the people we work for, the students, but we can attest that the time we spent was worthwhile.

— Gina Fattore & Stephanie Wood

VALENIAN EDITORS STEPHANIE Wood and Gina Fattore illustrate their favorite reactions to trouble at Headquarters, hiding and finger pointing.



DEMANDS OF BEING student life editor drive Karen Mutka to new heights of stress, but the always-reliable editor

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Ninth Inning

Yogi Berra's line, "It ain't over til it's over," is the definitive statement on endings in sports. Up until the last batter strikes out, anything is possible. However, giving this advice to seniors was like talking to a brick wall.

They all seemed to be busy calculating exactly how poorly they could do on the econ final and still graduate. As a concession to their excitement, the administration granted a sanctioned skip day in the form of a senior picnic at the Dunes.

The inevitable coming of good beach days, some as early as the end of March, made the school year speed up. Prom was the two-minute warning, and final exams were post-game interviews. Highlights for the 10 o'clock news included yet another cross country state championship, cold, rainy football playoffs and milkshakes at lunch.

The year also contained all the usual aspects. Parties, suspensions, Saturday classes and controversial dress policies were all part of the game.

Nevertheless, participation in the Hands Across America project to stop

hunger and help homeless people and student reactions to the U.S. air strike against Libya on April 14 were two factors no one considered at the start of the game.

And then when the lead headline of a local newspaper read "Tragedy

haunts school — again," pain, grief and fear struck a seemingly typical student body of "carefree" teenagers. The "good" times they talk about on TV were not always real.

As we headed into the Ninth Inning, we were

overcome with memories of everything in our lives which all somehow seemed inextricably bound to our friends, our classes, our lockers and all of Valparaiso High School, inside and out. Our own little universe was expanding and growing. On June 3, 1986, a way of life ended. Say good-bye to the three-year high school. For in 1986 and from here on out, IT'S A WHOLE NEW BALLGAME.

— Gina Fattore



DURING A VOLLEYBALL game, Kaye Keller, Jill Smith and Missy Crownover exhibit signs of tension and anxiety while watching the action from the bench. All students, not just athletes, experienced similar apprehension.

SERVING AS LIFEGUARD for Surf's Up (April Antics '86), Andy Roberts checks the horizon for signs of trouble which might disrupt the perfect beach weather for Jenny Hardebeck, Carissa Casbon and Jenny Giron.



ARMED WITH BLANKETS, earmuffs and parkas, these VHS seniors withstand the cold to witness another Viking football victory on the way to the Hoosier Dome for the state championship.



ALTHOUGH JUNIOR CHRIS Page injured his foot playing baseball, he is not deterred from attending the last big event of the school year, prom at the Expo Center, with his date, sophomore Laurie Wagenblast.



AFTER LEADING HIS team to victory in the regional cross country meet, junior Brett Polizotto shows his fatigue. However, Polizotto regained his energy to lead the Vikings to a state title two weeks later. Similarly, students thought that the end of the school year meant months of relaxation. They soon realized that the next race is never far down the road. Every ending means IT'S A WHOLE NEW BALLGAME.

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1.2 million (Office of National Statistics 1999).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people in the community. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for older people, which sets out a vision for the future of older people's services. The strategy is based on the following principles: older people should be able to live independently in their own homes; older people should be able to participate in the community; older people should be able to access the services they need; and older people should be able to live in a safe and secure environment.

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